UNWELCOME FIRES.

Fire on last Friday destroyed the Masonic Temple building, in London, Ont., entailing a loss of probably $200,000. The Temple was built by the Masonic Temple Company, at a cost of about $100,000, and was occupied by numerous fraternal societies, and business firms, a part of it also being used as an opera house. The walls and foundations of the building are in good shape, and it is estimated that the $45,000 insurance on the building will cover the loss of Col. Leys, M.P.P., the proprietor. The other losses are distributed among the tenants, C. J. Whitney, of Detroit, lessee of the opera house, losing $40,000; Young Opera Company, $10,000; G.N.W. Telegraph, $2,600; R. G. Dunn & Co., $5,000. Other tenants burned out were the Dominion Savings & Investment Society, the Northern Life Assurance Co., the Scottish-Canadian Mining Co., the Federal Life Assurance Co., the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co.

A serious fire occurred on Saturday at New Glasgow, N.S. The large mill and elevator of the Maritime Milling Company, at that place, were burned down. The loss is covered by $200,000 insurance. The company intended to increase the capacity to 600 barrels per day in the spring.

Montreal had a $100,000 blaze on Monday, when the Theatre Francaise was burned. The building was owned by Daniel Ford, who loses $50,000, with $40,000 insurance. W. E. Phillips, owner of part of the contents, lost $30,000; no insurance. The other losses were divided among small business men, and various tenants of the building.

COLLINGWOOD BOARD OF TRADE.

At the annual meeting of the Collingwood Board of Trade, the president, Mr. Wilson, presented a report that showed trade, at the northern port had been very satisfactory during 1899. The two steamboat lines, which formerly made Collingwood their headquarters, were amalgamated; the Lake Superior line had increased its trade 80 per cent., and they proposed adding one or more vessels of large capacity as soon as the harbor improvements are completed; sawmills thereabout had a long and busy season; planing mills were compelled to run overtime; the meat company had been running to their full capacity; owing to legislation prohibiting the exportation of logs a large number of mills on the north shore, which had been closed down for a number of years, were being refitted, and new ones were being erected. A steel shipyard is to be established during the coming season; local shipping has increased 20 per cent. during the past year, and through shipping, 80 per cent. The election of officers resulted as follows: J. Wilson, president; W. A. Copeland, vice-president; W. J. Slean, secretary; E. R. Carpenter, treasurer; Messrs. D. G. Cooper, C. Cameron, J. J. Long, W. T. Toner, W. A. Hogg, Brydon, C. E. Stephens, and J. Guilfoyle, council.