

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PACIFIC COAST FIRE COMPANY.

Mr. R. H. Duke, general manager of the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company, which has recently obtained a Dominion charter, left Toronto this week for Vancouver, after having made the following appointments:—City agent for Toronto, John H. Ewart; city agents for Montreal, Dale and Company; for New Brunswick, Beverly R. Armstrong, with headquarters at St. John; Nova Scotia; Dale and Company, with headquarters at Halifax. Mr. T. W. Greer, formerly with the Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company, of Toronto, has been appointed inspector for Ontario. The Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company was incorporated in 1890.

The following are its directors:—E. H. Crandall, Calgary; H. Carstens, Seattle, Wash.; D. R. Dingwall, Winnipeg; W. Henderson, J. W. Horne, T. T. Langlois, W. H. Malcolm, George Martin, J. B. Mathers, R. P. McLennan, J. Ramsay, D. Spencer, George C. Telfer, M. P. Thomson, G. Ward, T. H. Wilson, M.D., Hon. R. McBride, Vancouver.

SOME RECENT FIRES.

The following particulars are gathered from first Press reports of conflagrations. Upon these are instituted further inquiries, which appear under heading "Additional Information."

Neofeld, Sask.—Barn on Dan Smith's farm destroyed.

Haldimand, Que.—Mr. Clark's barn destroyed with contents, including the season's crop.

Hamilton, Ont.—Warehouse of the Domestic Specialty Company damaged to extent of about \$500.

Maxwell, Ont.—Dwelling owned by James Rodley was burned. Caused by the explosion of a lamp.

Listowel, Ont.—Factory of Morris Piano Company destroyed. Loss, about \$75,000, mostly covered by insurance.

Delorimier, Que.—Residence of Joseph Theriault, 1032 Mount Royal Avenue, damaged to extent of about \$150. Insured.

Waverley, Ont.—House belonging to the estate of B. C. Wilson damaged, store-room in rear being destroyed. Loss, about \$1,000.

Carleton, N.B.—House on Ludlow Street, owned by Wm. Morish considerably damaged. Loss fully covered by insurance for \$1,000.

Cartwright, Man.—Farm house of James Brown of Hansboro district totally destroyed. Small insurance on contents; none on the house.

Boissevain, Man.—Stable owned by Charles Ryan, destroyed. The loss about \$1,500; insured. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Quebec.—Planing and saw mills of Onesime Chalifour, Prince Edward and Laliberte Streets, damaged to extent of between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Attercliffe Station, Ont.—Store and residence owned and occupied by F. Lint, general merchant, completely destroyed, with nearly all its contents.

Beersville, N.B.—House and barn of Adam Robertson destroyed. Examination showed that nearly everything in the house had been saturated with kerosene.

St. John's, Newfoundland.—Roof of the residence of Mrs. Squires, 51 Queen's Road, damaged, supposed to have been caused by sparks from a defective chimney.

Lindsay, Ont.—Lumber shed in the rear of Mr. John Brooks' residence on Regent Street; destroyed, and stable badly gutted. Supposed cause, children playing with matches.

Brantford, Ont.—Strickland's second-hand store on George Street, slightly damaged; caused by gas stove. John McHutchion's bakery, 363 Colborne Street, damaged to extent of about \$1,000, chiefly by water.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Old roller rink building, situated at the corner of Ferry and Stanley Streets, and occupied by J. Cortelle & Son, as a lodging house, damaged to extent of about \$35,000. Loss partly covered by insurance.

Lulu Island, B.C.—Mr. Randolph May's barn on No. 20 Road destroyed with about 150 tons of hay, a milk separator and threshing machine with other farm implements. Total loss about \$5,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks from a steam threshing engine. Partial insurance.

North Bay, Ont.—Sheds at the rear of the Atlantic Hotel, Dr. McMurchy's office and residence and H. Trelford's residence and outbuildings destroyed. Loss on hotel about \$7,000 with insurance of \$6,000; on Dr. McMurchy's property, \$7,000, with insurance of \$3,000; and on Mr. Trelford's property, \$7,000, with insurance of \$4,500. John Ferguson's residence considerably damaged.

Stettler, Alta.—Chinese laundry and adjoining house, occupied by Capt. Grundy on Main Street, destroyed. Fourteen grain stocks on the farm of Charles Peterson totally destroyed. No insurance. One-half of the business portion of the town burned to the ground.

The following is a list of losses:—Beck's bowling alley, J. B. Griffiths' flour and feed and buggy warehouse, Grand Union, National and Keith Hotels, post-office, Wisler's tailor shop, the Merchants' Bank, Ball's jewellery store, Emmerick's real estate office, Riggs & Whyte's general store, Mackie & Burris' implement warehouse, Julian's tailor shop, Staples' lumber yard, Bowman & Sines' lumber yard, Bentley's real estate office, Burdick's produce store, T. Blaine's newly-erected residence, and several other buildings.

Toronto.—Large unfinished and unoccupied brick house on Hambly Avenue destroyed. Loss about \$1,500. Residence of Mr. Angus Gilmor, on the Lake Shore Road completely gutted. Loss, \$8,500 on building and about \$4,000 on furniture. Insurance of \$7,500 on the house and \$2,400 on the furniture. H. W. Johns-Manville Company's asbestos warehouse at 85-87 Wellington Street West, damaged to extent of over \$1,500. Stock damaged to about the same extent. Company is insured in the Liverpool and London and Globe companies for \$1,400 each, and in the Phoenix for \$1,100. Building is owned by Mr. R. L. Patterson. Stable of Mr. Charles Moffatt, at 95 London Street. Rough-cast building damaged. Loss, about \$2,000, well covered by insurance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED.

North Bay, Ont.—John Ferguson's residence damaged to extent of about \$137. Loss on contents, \$50. Insured in the Canadian.

Michel, B.C.—James J. Scott's blacksmith shop damaged to extent of \$350. Loss on stock, \$275. Insured in the British-American.

Hamilton, Ont.—Mr. A. Jennings' residence at 58 Ashley Street damaged to extent of \$20. Loss on furniture, \$50. Insured in the Sun Fire.

Truro, N.S.—Dairy building, implement shed and pigery owned by the Government of Nova Scotia damaged to extent of \$4,500. Loss on stock, \$1,000. Insured in the British North American and Acadia Fire Assurance Companies.

Bradford, Ont.—Dwellings and stables occupied by Joseph Corrigan and Ernest Right, and owned by Messrs. Scott and Graham, damaged to extent of \$900. Insured in the Hartford.

St. John, N.B.—W. H. Paterson's three-storey house, 59 Brussels Street, damaged to extent of \$100. Loss on furniture, \$100. Insured in the Anglo-American. Caused by a defective flue.

Toronto.—H. W. Johns-Manville Company's asbestos and magnesia warehouse damaged to extent of \$2,000. Stock damaged by water to extent of between \$6,000 and \$7,000. Building owned by R. L. Patterson, 7 Jordan Street. Insured in the Phoenix of London for \$11,000 and the Liverpool and London and Globe for \$4,100.

INSURANCE CASE WITH KNOTS.

Four four days last week, the Assize Court heard the case of the National Stationery Company against the British America and Traders fire insurance companies. The claim was for \$10,000 loss by fire on stock in premises on Scott Street, Toronto. Some of the evidence given by Mr. Taylor, president and manager of the plaintiff company, was rather startling, the more so as it was contradicted by a Montreal paper-maker, Hon. J. D. Rolland, who had sold goods to the plaintiff.

At a certain stage of the case, after many witnesses had been examined, it was suggested that a settlement might be possible, Mr. Taylor offered to accept \$10,000, pay his own costs, and forego interest. It was finally agreed that a valuator should be appointed. This has been done, and his report is to be presented to-day. The result is awaited with much interest in insurance circles, by reason of some peculiar points in the case.

Ore shipments from the Kootenay and Boundary districts of British Columbia during the week ended October 3rd totalled 43,118 tons, and receipts at the smelters 43,639 tons.

One of the most complete counterfeiting plants ever discovered in America was unearthed this week in a secluded spot on a small farm a few miles outside of Gowanda, Cattaraugus County, N.Y. It was operated by Thos. Washington Crozier and his son, Milton, who were arrested the other day at Oakville, Ont. More arrests will follow. The capture included 150 Farmers Bank of Canada \$10 notes; 80 Farmers Bank of Canada \$5 notes; 100 Standard Bank of Canada notes for \$10; and 138 United States \$5 silver certificates; making a total of \$3,645.