

# The Insurance Federation and Recent Events

## Happenings in the Insurance Federation of British Columbia and Notes of interest to Insurance Men.

The city councils of Victoria and Vancouver recently petitioned the Provincial Government to hold a commission of enquiry into the alleged high fire insurance rates prevailing in British Columbia. The petitioners have received a reply through the Attorney General of British Columbia pointing out that the data supplied and the reasons given why such an enquiry should be held were not in themselves sufficient to warrant the Provincial Government going to the expense of holding such an enquiry.

### Insurance Institute and Federation Likely to Unite.

It is likely that the Insurance Institute will amalgamate with the Federation. This matter is under advisement of the Executives of both bodies. The Institute is doing good work along educational lines, and the amalgamation would enlarge the usefulness of both Associations.

### Affiliation with Outside Fire Associations.

The Insurance Federation is taking the necessary steps to affiliate with the All-Canadian, as well as the All-American Fire Associations. It is believed that much valuable information will be obtained by the Federation, through the bureaus or councils of these bodies.

### Active Progress in New Westminster

A meeting held by the Westminster Executive of the Federation was attended by Mr. Goodman recently, when Mr. Alfred McLeod, and Mr. S. F. Mark, who are also members of the Executive of the parent body, volunteered to go on a visiting tour in New Westminster among the resident agents of the Royal City.

Their reception was very gratifying, and as a result, the following insurance men, are to give their active support to the British Columbia Federation for the ensuing year: W. F. Edmonds, S. F. Mark, Westminster Trust, McQuarrie Bros., Pearson & Co., W. B. English, H. L. Hut-ton, J. J. Johnston, A. W. Gray, A. B. McAdam, Malins & Coulthard, Miss F. H. McLeod, Alex McCloy, W. W. McCloy, J. Keary, C. A. Bourne, H. A. Eastman, A. N. McIntosh, R. K. Chapman, D. D. Wilson, W. Sutherland, and Miss J. Marshall.

### Prominent Insurance Official Tours Interior.

Mr. H. B. Holland of R. V. Winch & Co., has returned from an extended business trip through the Interior. He described some of the valleys, as suffering from lack of population, and some mining centres from lack of labor, both defects attributable to the war.

In the Okanagan country the fruit crop was good, particularly the apple crop, and prices were being maintained.

When he left, they were still shipping ripe tomatoes, a feat rendered possible by continued fine weather.

The women were a success as apple pickers, but there were not enough of them, and they would not be able to harvest all the crop.

At Vernon, a new apple evaporator plant had been established. As Vernon has already a vegetable evaporating plant, and a fruit cannery, all roots and fruits are now being treated.

At Princeton and Trail, Mr. Holland found things very lively and prosperous. In the former place, owing to the Canadian Copper Company's big operations on Copper Mountain, and at Trail, owing to the active and very extensive smelter operations.

He found a great deal of suppressed excitement at Creston, owing to the fact that the big reclamation

scheme, by which the Kootenay Lake flats were to be brought under cultivation, was being favorably considered by a commission, consisting of representatives from the Idaho and British Columbia governments.

Mr. Holland said that a citizen of Creston told him that when the news was circulated that the Canadian and Idaho governments were going to reclaim the land on a joint plan, that it acted like an electric shock on the citizens, and now everyone in Creston is optimistic.

### Numbers Engaged in Business of Insurance.

According to lists compiled for the use of the secretary of the Insurance Federation, there are 31 Life Insurance companies doing business in British Columbia, employing some 460 sub-agents, exclusive of part time men.

There are 31 Accident companies in the Province, employing some 250 sub-agents, and in Vancouver alone, there are over 100 Fire, and Marine Insurance Companies, exclusive of a number of smaller concerns.

### Official Organ and Members of Federation.

At a recent meeting of the educational committee of the Federation, it was decided to give the British Columbia Financial Times, which is the official organ of the Institution, every facility in circulating the news of the Federation among its members and subscribers.

### Mr. C. S. Burton of Kamloops, Joins Executive.

Mr. C. S. Burton of Kamloops, has been appointed a member of the Executive committee of the Federation.

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Burton said that he took a great interest in the Federation, and would certainly do all he could in his capacity as a member of the Executive to protect the interests of Insurance Companies doing business in British Columbia.

The members of the Executive have expressed themselves as being very much pleased at Mr. Burton's joining the Board, as they believe he is absolutely the right man to represent the interests of the Insurance men in the Interior districts.

### Insurance Federation in Victoria.

The Secretary of the Insurance Federation has just returned from a business trip to Victoria, where he spent three days, several meetings being held by the members of the Executive of the Victoria Association, for the purpose of creating additional interest among insurance men in Victoria in the aims and objects of the Federation.

Mr. Shearer, of Winch & Company, Mr. Clegg, of Pemberton & Son, Mr. Brett, the Victoria vice-president of the Association, and Mr. Leeming, of Leeming Brothers, were very active in assisting Mr. Goodman, the Secretary of the Federation, in laying before the principle resident insurance agents, the reason that the Federation had been organized, what they purposed doing in the future, and why they should be morally and financially supported.

The reception given to the canvassing committee by the insurance men was very cordial, the following firms promising their financial and sympathetic support:

B. C. Land & Investment Agency; G. R. Brown; Burdick Bros. & Brett; A. Coles; Dalby & Lawson; Cameron Investment Co.; Currie & Power; Cross & Co.; Gillespie Hart & Todd; Richard Hall & Son; Heisterman, Foreman & Co.; Pemberton & Son; R. P. Rithet & Co.; Swinerton & Musgrave; Wise & Co.; Findlay, Durham & Brodie; J. C. Noble; A. Lineham; A. A. Maherey; McPherson & Fullerton Bros.; Douglas MacKay & Co.; Duck Johnston; Leeming Bros.; A. W. Jones; Bullen & Jamieson; Turner, Beeton & Co.; R. S. Day; J. Kingham; R. V. Winch & Co.