

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE INSURANCE FEDERATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BLUE GOOSE TOOK FLIGHT

The British Columbia Pond of the Ancient and Honourable Order of the Blue Goose had its flight to the banks of the Citizens Club, Vancouver Block, on Monday, April 7th, where several goslings were initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Mr. John W. Wilson, provincial agent for the North Empire, Mr. A. Z. DeLong of the Terminal Agencies, Mr. R. C. Janion, secretary-treasurer of the J. H. Watson Insurance Agency, Mr. Donald Fraser, insurance manager of the Vancouver Financial Corporation, and Mr. F. J. Turner, insurance manager of the Canadian Financiers Trust Company, all became full fledged ganders. The most loyal gander, Harry Howes, special agent for the Continental and Fidelity-Phoenix Insurance Companies was in the chair and presided over the ceremonies.

HOME INSURANCE OFFICIAL ON INSPECTIONS

Mr. Frederick C. Buswell, vice-president of the Home Insurance Company of New York, was a visitor to Vancouver last week on a tour of inspection of Pacific Coast agencies. While here only for a day, he had an enjoyable visit with his agents, the Yorkshire and Canadian Trust, Limited, and Macaulay & Nicolls. Mr. Buswell reports that conditions as he found them in the United States were making some headway toward adjustment toward peace conditions, and that by the autumn he expected that the ordinary industrial machinery would be gathering headway for sustained peace activity. He stated that while the insurance business was good he did not anticipate that profits would be as large as they were during the war period. Asked as to labor conditions, he replied that he did not think that Vancouver had a monopoly of all the labor troubles. Although labour unsettlement was widespread and profound, the general consensus of opinion, he found, was that all difficulties would be successfully surmounted.

INSURANCE MANAGER ON VISIT

Mr. W. E. Baldwin, manager for Canada of the Continental Insurance Company and the Fidelity-Phoenix Insurance Company, was a visitor to the Province during the week on a trip of inspection. While in Vancouver he made his headquarters with his special agent, Mr. Harry Howes, in the Rogers Building. Mr. Baldwin was glad to be on the Coast again and enjoy some of the spring weather and golf. In discussing affairs in Vancouver with the editor, Mr. Baldwin was frank to confess he was more and more impressed with the lack of fire-fighting facilities of the water front and also with the thorough inadequacy of the harbour to handle freight. If Vancouver expects ships to call at the port for the taking on and discharge of cargo in preference to other ports of the Pacific, then Vancouver must provide facilities for the prompt and expeditious handling of cargo and all the modern terminals for the economic handling of freight.

In connection with fire loss, Mr. Baldwin stated that in his experience he found that the most efficacious manner of reducing hazard was in the rate. If the manufacturer permitted hazardous conditions to obtain at his factory then he should be assessed some rate which would compensate the insurance companies for the risk taken, at the same time it being pointed out to him that by removing deficiencies he would save upon his premium. Mr. Baldwin found that self interest was more vital in reducing the risk and consequent fire loss than education or propaganda, desirable as they are. Mr. Baldwin left on Thursday for Nelson and will make stops on the prairies for the inspection of agencies on his way back to Montreal.

INSURANCE NOTICES

The American Alliance Insurance Company has been licensed to transact in British Columbia the business of automobile insurance (excluding insurance against loss by reason of bodily injury to the person). O. D. Lampman, insurance agent, Vancouver, is attorney for the company.

The New Zealand Insurance Company has been licensed to transact in British Columbia the business of marine insurance. Jas. T. Summerfield, insurance agent, Vancouver, is attorney for the company.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS

The Order-in-Council which define the scope of the Royal Commission which will, within a short time, commence an inquiry into industrial conditions with a view to making recommendations which in some measure will assume joint control of industries by capital and labor was tabled recently by the Hon. N. W. Rowell. The Order-in-Council takes the form of concurrence by the Governor-General-in-Council in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the sub-committee of the re-construction and development committee.

The resolution states that a Royal Commission be appointed immediately to report to the Government on the following matters:

1. To consider and make suggestions for securing a permanent improvement in the relations between employees and employers.

2. To recommend means for ensuring that industrial conditions effecting relations between employers and employees shall be reviewed from time to time by those concerned, with a view to improving conditions in the future.

For the above purpose, the committee shall:

1. Make a survey and classification of existing Canadian industries.

2. Obtain information as to the extent of organization already existing among bodies of employers and employees respectively.

3. Investigate available data as to the progress made by established joint industrial councils in Canada, Great Britain and the United States.

B. A. TRUST COMPANY BUYS BURNABY BONDS.

The Municipality of the District of Burnaby sold to the British American Trust Company by tender \$400,000 five year, 6% notes, dated April 31st, 1919, and due December 31st, 1924, interest payable semi-annually June first and December first. The purpose of the issue was the payment of bank loans. Tenders were as follows:

British American Trust Corporation, Vancouver.....	\$99.09
A. E. Ames and Company, Toronto	98.79
National Bond Corporation, Vancouver.....	97.26
Canadian Financiers Trust Co., Vancouver bidding for Eastern Canadian interests	97.04
Royal Financial Corporation bidding for Portland, Oregon interests	96.03

ADJUDICATION OF DOLLY VARDON MINE SUIT

Mr. Justice Clement has been appointed by the Provincial Government to adjudicate the claim of the Taylor Engineering Company against the Dolly Vardon Company for the building of a railway from tidewater to the mine, involving an amount as claimed by the Taylor Company of \$462,000. By the terms of the private bill passed for a renewal of the railway charter, the Dolly Vardon Company must pay the claim within thirty days after the amount has been decided on, or the Taylor Company will operate the mine for the benefit of its creditors until all claims are paid.