

RECENT FIRE LOSSES

Recent fire losses reported to Superintendent of Insurance, Victoria:

Duncan, July 24.—Owner and occupant, Major P. T. Stern; wood dwelling; value of building \$6,000, insurance on same \$6,000; value of contents \$6,000, insurance on same \$3,000; total loss, \$12,000. Cause, sparks from burning stumps. Royal, Scottish Metropolitan, Employers' Liability.

Vancouver, Aug. 4.—367 Water Street; owner and occupant, Kelly Douglas & Co.; seven storey brick warehouse; value of building \$200,000, insurance on same \$165,000; value of contents \$750,000, insurance on same \$600,000; total loss, \$132. Cause, coffee roaster sparks on roof. National Fire, Mount Royal, London, Liverpool & Globe, Continental, L'Union of Paris, Boston.

Oak Bay, July 28.—1225 Newport Avenue; owner and occupant, J. A. Virtue; wood hotel; value of building \$35,000, value of contents \$30,000; insurance on both \$30,000; total loss, \$350. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Sun, Phoenix, North British Mercantile.

Slocan, July 6th.—Main Street; series of fires from incendiary cause; owner, James M. Rae, unoccupied livery stable; value of building \$2,000, value of contents \$100; insurance nil; total loss, \$2,100. Owner, T. McNeish, unoccupied wood storehouse; value of building \$2,000, value of contents \$700; insurance nil; total loss \$2,700. Owners and occupants, J. Weenwood and C. L. Casely, wood garage; value of building \$500, value of contents \$2,000; insurance nil; total loss \$2,500. On July 13th, Lake and Arthur Streets; owner C.P.R.; occupant, station agent; wood dwelling; value of building \$800, value of contents \$1,000; insurance nil; total loss, \$10. On July 19th, B.F.D., Lot 292; owner, Ontario Slocan Lumber Co.; unoccupied wood and brick sawmill; value of building \$3,000, value of contents \$200, insurance nil; total loss \$3,200.

UNLICENSED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

Mr. G. D. Finlayson, Superintendent of Insurance, Ottawa, sends out a notice as follows:

It has been drawn to the attention of the department that a considerable amount of insurance is being effected on automobiles in Canada in British or foreign companies or underwriters not licensed under the Insurance Act.

Such insurance on automobiles is subject to the same requirements as insurance on real property in unlicensed insurance companies, and is permitted only if effected outside of Canada and without any solicitation whatever directly or indirectly on the part of the company or underwriters; otherwise, any person inspecting the risk or adjusting the loss in Canada is subject to the provisions of the Criminal Code.

Every person so insuring an automobile is required to make a return thereof to the department, the forms for which can be obtained on request.

B.C. FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ELECT OFFICERS

The British Columbia Fire Underwriters' Association which was organized some time ago to take over the activities of the Mainland Fire Underwriters' Association and

the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association, elected the following officers: President, R. S. Day, of R. S. Day & Beaumont Boggs, Victoria; vice-president, T. W. Greer, managing-director of the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Co., Vancouver; secretary, W. L. Foster, present secretary of the Mainland Fire Underwriters' Association; district manager for Vancouver Island, Douglas A. S. McGregor, who has been in charge of the Victoria office.

The first meeting of the Victoria City Fire Insurance Agents' Association was recently held at the Dominion Hotel with about sixty local fire insurance agents present. Mr. R. S. Day, president of the British Columbia Fire Underwriters' Association delivered a short address on the work of the new association. Mr. D. W. Campbell, of the Cameron Investment Co., was in the chair.

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