

## INSURANCE

### FIRE PROTECTION IN VILLAGES.

Bill No. 18, passed at the last session of the British Columbia legislature, entitled An Act to Amend the Villages Fire Protection Act, defines the powers of fire wardens. These powers include the visiting and inspection of all buildings and erections in a town or its vicinity and generally the taking of such steps for the prevention of and protection against fire in a town as they may deem fit. The fire wardens are empowered to regulate the storing of powder or other explosives and of industries of a character likely to cause danger from fire; to compel the owner of any lot situated within a town and within 20 feet of a dwelling house to remove all timber, brush or other material of an inflammable nature when in their opinion such material is a menace to the safety of the town from fire; to forbid the discharge of firearms within the town limits, and the setting of fire to standing trees and the burning of brush, logs or refuse within the limits of the town unless with a written permit of the fire warden.

### INSURANCE NOTES.

T. H. Cochrane has been appointed general agent for the Federal Life Insurance company, at Regina, N. W. T.

The Grand Loyal Orator, Judge, of British North America, which was holding meetings in Toronto last week, decided to double the assessment on members. Thus the good work goes on of making insurance assessments more nearly adequate to their necessities.—Montreal Times.

Dr. E. A. Blakely, for several years chief clerk of the department of education for the province of Manitoba, has been appointed provincial manager of the Continental Life Insurance Co., and has opened an office over the C. P. R. city ticket office in Winnipeg. This is a Canadian company, and although it has only been in operation for a couple of years a large business has already been worked up.

It is said that Montreal merchants and manufacturers are experiencing difficulty in getting satisfactory fire insurance, as since the recent big fires the companies are not so anxious to do business as they have found that, having regard to the present condition of Canadian cities, and especially of Montreal, as regards the lack of adequate fire protection, there is no money in taking risks here.

### A Dumping Market.

Winnipeg has long been a dumping market for fruit. Ontario shippers send in cars of fruit here which is sold off from cars or by auction, and sometimes even fruit is sent from other quarters to be handled in the same way. The fruit handled in this way is usually inferior in quality to that handled by the regular trade, but it sells cheap and people buy it, thereby injuring the local traders, both wholesale and retail. A deputation of the Wholesale Fruit Dealers' association addressed the market committee, asking that a by-law be passed which would prevent transient fruit traders from bringing in a car of fruit and selling it off on the track. These men were known as "scalpers" and at times did much injury to the fruit trade in the city. The deputation thought that local fruit interests should be protected against them. A motion was passed requesting the city solicitor to prepare a by-law in compliance with the fruit men's request. It has been found that the by-law relating to transient traders did not meet the case of the fruit shippers, and a new by-law will be prepared, which will probably provide for a tax or license upon this class of trade.

A Toronto grain man reports as follows on Ontario crops. Fall wheat light weight, with a good deal of shrunken and sprouted grain. Barley light and a considerable percentage of dark colored grain. Rye—This grain shows better results than any of the cereals in this province this season. Peas, light crop; lighter than last year, and the quality not as good. Oats, smaller crop and light weight.

### Settlement of Alberta.

The small rancher in Southern Alberta, writes a Pincher Creek correspondent, is being rapidly pushed back by the smaller farmer. The farmers have come in at a surprising rate during the past twelve months, and are still coming. The range country is being fenced off into quarter-section farms, and nothing remains for the rancher but to pull up stakes and drive his herds elsewhere. The rancher naturally takes a dark view of the prospect, predicting that by the time the farmers get the land all plowed up and unfit to grow anything but weeds, they too will be starved out and glad to scrape up money enough to take them out of the country.

### Carpenters Strike.

A later meeting of Winnipeg journeymen carpenters was held on Wednesday evening, when it was decided to order a strike to begin at once. The demands of the men were given in The Commercial last week. As the busy season is now on and labor in all lines is scarce, the strike is likely to prove a serious matter for the city unless terms are speedily arranged.

### Steel Workers Strike.

The trouble between the steel workers and the trust has at last resulted in a general strike. On August 6, President Shaffer ordered a general strike. This is one of the most serious labor disturbances in the United States for some time and it promises to rank with the great strikes of that country. Its effect on the steel industry, not only of the United States but of the world, will be far reaching.

### Railway and Traffic Matters.

A delegation waited upon Superintendent Leonard, of the C. P. R., last week to urge the construction of a road from Killarney south into the Wakopas district. Mr. Leonard said that the company would send out surveyors, but that they could make no definite promise as to the early construction of the road until the strike had been settled. The same delegation also waited upon D. B. Hanna, of the Canadian Northern railway, and asked that the line be extended into Killarney and the Wakopas country. Mr. Hanna promised to lay the matter before the board of directors at an early date. The delegates left favorably impressed with their visit, and hopeful that the line would be extended into their country in time to move next year's crop.

### Tenders.

Tenders will be received until Aug. 24, for the erection of a brick and stone school house in the village of Antler, Assa. Plans and specifications on application to T. C. Stinson, Antler. Tenders will be received till the first day of September for a two 75 ft. span steel bridge across the Souris River at Mentieth. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of G. A. Simpson, government engineer, Winnipeg.

The Canada Northwest Land company's sales for July, 1901, are reported at 1,211,339 acres at \$66,783.75. Against this the sales for 1900 were 471,220 acres at \$25,476.18.

The continued strength of the market for hogs, both live and dressed, says a Toronto report of Aug. 3, has led to a further advance in the prices of certain smoked meats. Breakfast bacon is  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1c higher at 15 to 16c; hams are  $\frac{1}{2}$  higher at 14c; rolls are  $\frac{1}{2}$  higher at 12c, and backs 1c higher at 12c to 16c. Other smoked meats are unchanged, as are also pork and lard. The market is very firm, however, and values are well maintained.

Although the use of the telephone has increased rapidly on the American continent there are countries in Europe in which telephones are in far more general use than in America. In Stockholm, Sweden, one person in every fourteen has a telephone, there being more than 20,000 telephones in a population of 271,000. Every tobacconist's store is a public call office and the rates are very low. England is far behind in the matter of telephones, there being only one to every 636 of the population. In little Switzerland there is one to every 172 persons, but far more business is done over the telephone in England than in Switzerland.

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Headquarters for commercial men. CITY HALL SQUARE.

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#### DRYDEN HOTEL

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New building, new furnishings, furnace heating, acetylene gas. First-class. Large sample rooms.

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Good accommodation for the travelling public. Under new and greatly superior management.

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First-class accommodation. Good sample rooms for commercial men. Bus meets all trains.

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#### ALBERTA HOTEL

BEATTY & BRINDLE, Proprietors. C. and E. dining hall, good sample rooms and every accommodation for commercial travellers and the general public.

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New Building, New and Commodious Bedrooms, Parlors, Bath Rooms, and Sample Rooms. Newly Furnished, Heated Throughout with Hot Air, Lighted by Gas. Electric Bells in every room. Cuisine second to none, and the best stock of Wines, Liquors and Cigars in Alberta. Miss Mitchell, Matron.

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Special attention given to commercial travellers. Charges moderate.

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