

Abstract of the Returns of Life Insurance Companies transacting business in the Province of British Columbia, 1917
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Concluding my remarks, I want to impress on you that it is not my intention to create any feeling that electric wiring in a building necessary constitutes a fire hazard. Electric wiring properly installed is as free from any hazard as rules can make it. What constitutes the risk is the abuse it is put to by the layman. The ordinary layman cannot conceive why he cannot replace a 60 Watt lamp with a 500 Watt lamp, why he cannot make extensions in

his house, in his store, without the necessity of increasing the size of the wires or increasing the number of the circuits.

Fortunately, Vancouver has not suffered by having a fire due to defective work. A great deal of credit is due to the Inspector and credit is due to the Fire Protective Association for the manner in which supervision is kept over all material used in electrical work. The Vancouver Inspection Department have placed a ban on all materials and fittings which do not bear the approval of the Underwriter's Laboratories, and it is due to a great extent to the excellent quality of the materials that accidents are not more frequent. That, classed with the constant supervision of the Inspectors has reduced the hazards to a minimum.

TIMBER SCALED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IN MARCH, 1918

Districts	Douglas Fir	Red Cedar	Spruce	Hemlock	Balsam Fir	Yellow Pine	White Pine	Jack Pine	Larch	Cotton- wood	Yellow Cedar
Cranbrook.....	2,806,665	1,067,528	99,332	————	38,196	3,663,681	61,511	375,666	1,690,609	————	————
Fort George	————	————	762,460	————	224,616	————	————	————	————	330	————
Kamloops.....	1,941,998	291,704	410,672	2,936	37,142	6,591	————	————	————	————	————
Nelson.....	1,495,060	1,502,775	296,785	1,353,358	177,397	37,906	506,619	————	724,586	————	————
Vernon.....	474,910	67,813	19,970	————	————	1,756,085	4,279	————	————	————	————
Total Interior.....	6,718,633	2,929,820	1,589,219	1,356,294	477,351	5,464,263	572,409	375,666	2,415,195	330	————
Island.....	11,017,055	1,484,081	482,145	1,016,388	108,879	22,690	————	————	————	————	————
Prince Rupert.....	53,935	712,126	2,441,199	122,185	79,133	————	————	————	————	————	————
Vancouver.....	38,141,467	10,317,656	1,771,797	1,924,896	1,643,440	————	315,060	————	————	57,306	16,198
Total Coast	49,212,457	12,513,863	4,695,141	9,063,469	1,831,452	22,690	315,060	————	————	57,306	16,198
Total for B. C.....	55,931,090	15,443,683	6,284,360	10,419,763	2,308,803	5,486,953	887,469	375,666	2,415,195	57,636	16,198
Total Interior	21,899,180										
Total Coast	77,727,636										
Total for B. C.	99,626,816										
Total for March 1917							86,594,055				