

## OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE INSURANCE FEDERATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## PETITION TO AMEND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

The Province of British Columbia will soon be petitioned to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, passed at the last session of the House, to permit employers of labour the option:—

- (a) To contribute to the Accident Fund to be administered by the Board;
- (b) To insure in Insurance Companies to be approved of by the Board;
- (c) With the approval of the Board, to be empowered to carry their own insurance.

This petition has already the signatures of about 2,500 employers of labour in the Province, and it is expected that before it is presented will have in excess of 3,000 signatures.

This large list of names shows that the vast majority of employers did not apprehend the full intent nor comprehensive scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act. There is now a widespread feeling of uneasiness over the unknown liability which employers assume when they come within the scope of the Act on January 1st next.

The effect of the adoption of the proposed amendments will be increased competition as between the Accident Fund to be administered by the Board created under the Act and the Insurance Companies, and both come into competition with the employer if he elects to carry his own insurance. No change is sought in the method of adjudication and settlement of claim as provided for in the Act and which will be handled by the Provincial Board. The proposed amendments have also the effect of permitting the companies doing an employers' liability business to continue in business in competition with the Provincial fund and employers' self insurance. Under the Act all companies doing this class of insurance must automatically cease business when the Act comes into force at the turn of the year.

## PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR INSURANCE FEDERATION.

Mr. Ernest A. Browne, of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Company, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Insurance Federation of British Columbia. Mr. Browne's headquarters will be, as formerly, at 327 Seymour Street, Vancouver.

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN ORGANIZATION?

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**Insurance Federation of British Columbia**

Which embraces Life, Fire, Casualty, Surety, Automobile, Marine—All Agents

An Organization to unite all branches of Insurance, to protect all Insurance interests, and to assist in promoting the general welfare and education of the Insurance profession

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Membership Fees:—Agent or Member of Firm.....\$2.00  
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**ERNEST A. BROWNE,**

Secretary,

327 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B. C.

## INSURANCE NOTICE.

The Merchants Fire Assurance Corporation of New York has been licensed under the "British Columbia Fire Insurance Act" to transact in British Columbia the business of fire insurance. The head office of the company in the Province is situate at Vancouver. Christopher G. Hobson, 163 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, is attorney for the company.

## PROMINENT SPEAKER FOR INSURANCE FEDERATION LUNCHEON.

Mr. Mark T. McKee, secretary of the National Council of the Insurance Federations of the United States, with headquarters at Detroit, Michigan, will be the guest of the Insurance Federation of British Columbia at a luncheon at the Hotel Vancouver on Saturday, December 9th, at one o'clock.

In most of the States of the United States there are organizations embracing the entire insurance fields in each State. To give unanimity of action and strength, the National Council was formed, embracing all the various organizations, to which several delegates of the State Federations are accredited. The National Council thus acts for the entire insurance interests of the country.

The secretary of this Council, Mr. McKee, a noted speaker, is the gentleman who will address the British Columbia Federation on the date mentioned above.

This is the first meeting of all the insurance interests of the Province, and, from the enthusiasm expressed in insurance circles, it will be a mile-stone in insurance history in British Columbia.

From present outlook it is likely that 300 insurance men will be present at the luncheon, which may be, before that date, augmented to over 500. All insurance men and those interested in insurance are invited to be present. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. Ernest A. Browne, 327 Seymour Street, Vancouver.

## NEW TAXATION PROPOSED FOR INSURANCE AGENTS.

The City of Vancouver is applying to the Provincial Government for an amendment to its charter enabling the City Council to tax insurance agents within its jurisdiction. The insurance companies are now paying two per cent. of their gross premiums to the Dominion Government and also one per cent. to the Provincial Government. On top of these onerous taxes it is proposed to add a municipal tax in Vancouver.

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British Columbia Financial Times,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:—

I beg to advise you that at a general meeting of the Insurance Federation of British Columbia held Tuesday, November 28th, the following was resolved and passed:—

"That the British Columbia Financial Times be adopted as the official publication of the Insurance Federation of British Columbia."

Very truly yours,

**ERNEST A. BROWNE,**

Secretary.

## RECENT FIRE LOSSES.

Recent fire losses reported to Superintendent of Insurance, Victoria:—

Chilliwack, Nov. 15.—Bustier Road; owner and occupant, Richard Bustier; wood barn; value of building \$1,200, insurance on same \$500; value of contents \$1,200, insurance on same \$800. Total loss, \$2,400. Cause unknown; probably children playing with matches. Mutual Fire of B. C.

Chilliwack, Nov. 14.—Yale Road; owner and occupant, A. J. Hamilton; wood barn; value of building \$1,500, value of contents \$3,000; insurance on building and contents \$1,500. Total loss, \$4,500. Cause unknown. Mutual Fire of B. C.

Richmond, Nov. 13.—No. 18 Road, Lulu Island; owner and occupant, Mrs. Anna Rathburn; wood dwelling; value of building \$2,000, insurance on same \$1,800; value of contents \$750, insurance on same \$500. Total loss, \$2,750. Cause unknown. Quebec Sun Insurance.

Trail, Nov. 10.—Cedar Avenue; owner, Archie Donaldson; occupant, Lewis Lester; wood clothing store; value of building \$2,500,