

Vancouver, B. C.

Seymour 4630

of the levy, while this year, to December 1st, 80 per cent. of the current taxes has been received.

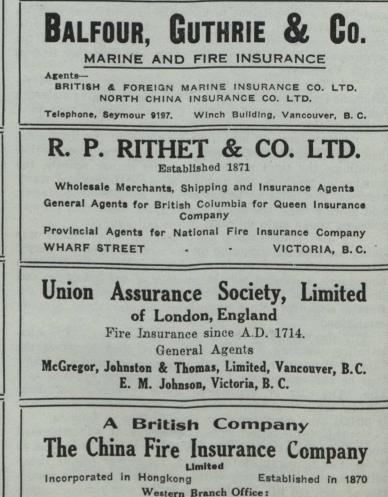
"The previous tax sale held in this municipality, namely 1915 (there was none since until this year) was advertised in the usual cold, unattractive way, without any special features, with the result that only some \$40,000.00 of property was sold to the public.

"South Vancouver, I found, deserved good advertisement. It is beautifully situated, the northern part sloping towards Burrard Inlet and the southern part gracefully sloping towards the north arm of the Fraser. It contains 141/2 square miles and every bit of it is suitable for suburban homes. It is the home of a great many of the industrial workers of the City of Vancouver.

"I therefore had splendid material from which to compile an attractive advertisement. The press was not slow to grasp the fact and with generous editorial comment, enlarged the bounds of contract. It gives me pleasure to testify to the value of a public-spirited press in initiating and supporting any movement for spreading knowledge useful and stimulating to municipal progress.

## PROBABLE MERGER OF INSURANCE COMPANIES

Cable dispatches from London state that negotiations for the acquisition of the Norwich-Union Insurance Company by the Phoenix of London Insurance Company are in progress, and at this writing may have been completed. It is understood that attractive terms have been offered to the shareholders of Norwich-Union stock. In case of the merger going through, it is specifically stated that the organizations of both companies throughout the world will remain as at present.



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