

PROVINCIAL TAXATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Below is published a record, gathered partly from official sources, and partly as a result of THE CHRONICLE'S own enquiries, of the taxes and fees imposed upon the insurance companies holding Dominion licenses by the various provinces, and also by a number of the municipalities. A similar record has been published for several years, but the showing is now brought up to date. In regard to municipalities, the record is in some cases incomplete. As the record stands, however, it shows strikingly the gross character of the impositions made upon the companies by taxing authorities. It must be remembered that in addition to these provincial and municipal impositions the companies have to pay Dominion fees, and also, other than life companies a one per cent. Dominion war tax on premiums, and all companies which are found to be liable, contributions under the business profits war tax:—

ALBERTA.

By the Province—

(a) *Registration and filing of documents.*—Filing of documents preliminary to issue of license, \$10. Registration and renewal thereof: life insurance, \$300; fire, storm, cyclone, tornado, inland marine, inland transportation and sprinkler leakage insurance, \$300; hail insurance, \$200; accident (including vehicle and public liability), automobile, sickness and guarantee insurance, \$200; one or more of the following: plate glass, burglary, steam boiler, storm, cyclone, tornado, inland marine, inland transportation, and sprinkler leakage insurance, \$50. Every underwriters' agency undertaking one or more of all classes of insurance, \$100.

(b) *Income Tax.*—The premium income of all insurance companies is taxed to the extent of 1 per cent. thereof. If a company lends money on security in the province and has more than \$50,000 invested in the province, the gross income received from its total investments in the province is taxed to the extent of ¼ per cent. thereof.

Tax for Fire Commissioner's Office.—One-third of one per cent. upon the companies' net fire premiums.

By Municipalities—

No taxes or fees permitted.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

By the Province—

(a) *Registration and filing of documents.*—For filing documents and application for license, \$5; charge for publication, notice of license, \$5. Initial license fee for all insurance companies, \$250. For filing of documents on renewal of license: fire companies, \$1 per document; other companies, \$5.

(b) *Income Tax.*—A tax of 2 per cent. of income (all sources) is required from all insurance companies.

By Municipalities—

No special taxes or fees are charged by municipalities.

MANITOBA.

By the Province—

(a) *Registration and filing of documents, etc.*—Filing of documents prior to issue of license, \$5. Service of Insurance Inspector acting as attorney for service of process, \$5 annually. Registration—

Fire or life companies, \$200; accident, guarantee or surety, \$25. Underwriters' Permit, \$100.

(b) *Income Tax.*—(1) On the gross premium income of all companies:—

Premium income less than \$50,000..	1%	thereof
" " \$50,000, but less than \$100,000..	1¼%	"
" " \$100,000, but less than \$150,000..	1½%	"
" " \$150,000, but less than \$200,000..	1¾%	"
" " \$200,000 or more..	2%	"

(The above premium income taxes are reduced by amounts paid under the provisions of the Manitoba Insurance Act.)

(2) On the income of life insurance companies from investments within the province:—If the amount loaned on policies or loaned or invested on mortgages, stocks or bonds exceeds \$25,000 the gross income therefrom is taxed ¼% thereof.

Tax for Fire Commissioner's Office.—One-third of one per cent. of gross premiums of fire companies.

By Municipalities—

No special taxes are charged by municipalities, except by the town of Virden.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

By the Province—

The taxes imposed by the Province may be conveniently classed according to the nature of the business transacted and are as follows:—

(a) *Fire Insurance Companies.*—A tax on premium income of 1 per cent. thereof together with an additional sum of \$100.

(b) *Life Insurance Companies.*—An annual tax of \$250.

(c) *Accident and Guarantee Companies.*—A tax on premium income of ½ per cent. thereof together with an additional sum of \$25.

By Municipalities—

Information wanting.

NOVA SCOTIA.

By the Province—

No fees are charged for registration or for filing of documents.

Income Tax.—The gross premium income of life insurance companies is taxed to the extent of 1¼% thereof; other insurance companies 1% thereof. There is no tax on income from other sources.

By Municipalities—

No special taxes are imposed by municipalities. *City Taxes.*—The city of Halifax imposes taxes annually as follows:—each company doing life, fire, marine business, \$200; accident or guarantee insurance, \$50; plate glass, \$25. Information in regard to other cities wanting.

ONTARIO.

By the Province—

(a) *Registration and filing of documents.*—Application fee, \$5; filing power of attorney, \$5; registration, \$150.

(b) *Income Tax.*—Annual tax under the Corporations Tax Act, 1914.—Every insurance company shall pay a tax of \$30,000 subject to reduction in the discretion of the Provincial Treasurer. If any country or state imposes taxes or fees which have the effect of discriminating against any insurance

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