

Casualty Insurance

This report reviews the key features and public policy issues regarding the property & casualty insurance industry in Canada. It begins with an overview of the business and structure of the industry: the nature and composition of the property and casualty business, the industry in the context of the Canadian financial services sector, financial structure, and regulation of the industry. It then discusses the following issues: the financial capacity of the industry to handle claims resulting from a major earthquake; the likelihood of major industry consolidation; potential changes in the industry's distribution system in the near future; and the impact of technology in general.

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This is the first book to address the special rules that apply to the taxation of all property and casualty insurance companies, including life insurance companies with property/casualty insurance operations. It covers the special rules that apply to the taxation of captive insurance companies in addition to the general rules that are usually applicable to a captive insurance company. At the same time, it examines the fact that many healthcare organizations are now considered to be insurance companies and will be taxed as such under all the various healthcare reform proposals. Includes a sample tax return for property and casualty insurance companies, Form 1120PC, and guidance on how to read and review a property and/or casualty company annual report.

"Gitty Up" shouted the driver, as he encouraged the laboring horses to pull the laden "prairie schooner" faster westward across the prairie. In the "prairie schooners" the people were excited and anxious to reach the vast prairie of Nebraska. They wanted to rush to the land, select their free land, and build their homes. Among the settlers on the Nebraska plains were the Author's parents. In this book the reader has a glimpse of their simple home, the care of the livestock on the farm, the planting and harvesting of the crops, the brutal weather, and the challenges of isolation. Every family depended on their horses for survival. Man power combined with horse power with determination resulted in permanent settlements. When tractors began to emerge for farming, then horses retired from field work. Whoa!

I ventured into the insurance industry by accident. I can remember the exact moment it happened. It was 2012 and I recently closed my night club after 12 long years of dealing with everything that came with the nightlife. Bar fights, alcohol liabilities, competition, law enforcement, etc. The money was awesome, but it did come with a price. My days often begun at 3:00 pm and ended at 6:00 am. I loved dealing with people on an everyday basis, but the life had taken its toll on me. I needed a change. I befriended a club DJ who was from Brooklyn, New York.

Ironically, our stories were kind of similar he had just left the housing industry as an inspector and was Deejaying part time until he could get back into a successful trade industry. He mentioned a P&C insurance class he had signed up for and suggested I give it a try as well. My first response was. "Insurance, man I can't stand insurance, that stuff is boring and what is P&C?" He went on to say that he knew of a few insurance agents that were making six figure incomes and a P&C Insurance license was all that was required to start writing business and P&C stood for property & casualty. That sparked my interest so I agreed to sign up for the class, what could it hurt. Four 10-hour days of P & C insurance information was overwhelming to say the least. How could someone learn all of this in this small amount of time, study for the test, take the state exam and expect to pass; it seemed IMPOSSIBLE. Until I turned it into a 7-million-dollar business in just 4 years.

The Economics of Property-Casualty Insurance presents new research and findings on key aspects of the economics of the property-casualty insurance industry. The volume explores the industrial organization, regulation, financing, and taxation of this business. The first paper, on external financing and insurance cycles, contains a wealth of information on trends and patterns in the industry's financial structure. The last essay, which compares performance of stock and mutual insurance companies, takes a fresh look at the way a company's organizational structure affects its responses to different economic situations. Two papers focus on rate regulation in the auto insurance industry, and provide broad overviews of the structure and economics of the insurance industry as a whole. Also addressed are the system of regulating insurance companies in the United States, who insures the insurers, and the effects of tax law changes in the 1980s on the prices of insurance policies.

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