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When Dr. Ralph H. Ball, Manager of the Cellulose Division of Celanese Corporation of America, came to British Columbia last January to head up the Columbia Cellulose Company, he was coming home.

A native of Keewauqua, Dr. Ball was a member of the first graduating class at the University of British Columbia in 1926. In 1928 he received an M.A. from U.B.C., and with a National Research Council scholarship went on to more graduate work at McGill University. Working under Professor Harold Hibbert in the Pulp and Paper Research Institute, specializing in cellulose chemistry, he received a Ph.D. in 1931.

Immediately after graduation Dr. Ball joined the Development and Research Department of the Celanese Corporation which, at that time, was stock controlled by Celanese Corporation of America and subsequently merged with Celanese.

From the Development and Research Organization, Dr. Ball became division head and, in 1941, Assistant Technical Director of the Plastics Division, Celanese Corporation of America.

In 1942 Dr. Ball spent a year with the Chemical Branch of the War Production Board in Washington, D.C., organizing expansion of plastics production and distribution of supply. At the end of this time he returned to his former post as head of Celanese Plastics Division.

When the Central Research and Development organization of Celanese was established at Summit, N.J., 1947, Dr. Ball became Assistant Director of Central Research and Development. In March, 1948, he transferred to the New York office of Celanese, to take charge of co-ordinating the engineering, construction and organization of Columbia Cellulose Company. Shortly after assuming direction of the British Columbia project Dr. Ball became Manager of the Cellulose Division of Celanese, his present post.

Dr. Ball's wife is the former Marion Smith, daughter of Oren B. Smith who was a prominent mining engineer on the Pacific Coast from 1900 until his death in 1926. Mrs. Ball is a graduate of U.B.C.

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