

Keep A Tidy House, Make Every Week 'Fire Prevention Week'



BARN FIRE RESULTED IN ONE DEATH

Fire prevention everyone's duty

With Fire Prevention Week getting underway on Sunday H. Jewell, chief of the Charlottetown Fire Department has issued the following warning and plea for improved precaution to city residents.

Our aim is to sell the idea to every citizen in Charlottetown that Fire Prevention should be carried out every week in the year. Fire Prevention is the responsibility every person owes to his family and to his community. Think and act fire safety every minute in every day.

A survey of the causes of fires in our City shows that there are eight principal causes of fire: Careless smoking and handling of matches; misuse of electricity; defective or overheating of cooking equipment; improper disposal of rubbish; careless handling of all flammable liquids; defective furnaces and smoke pipes; chimneys in bad condition and last but not least, children playing with matches.

We wish to inform our citizens that there has been a large increase in the number of fire calls received in the City this year. Up to September 20 we received 200 fire calls, almost a 40 per cent increase for the same period last year when 144 calls were answered.

The unfortunate thing is that there is a large increase in property loss and one person died as the result of fire. If our citizens would make a special effort to eliminate the causes I have mentioned, I am sure the Charlottetown Fire Department could paint you a better picture for the balance of the year and the years to follow. Fire Prevention should be carried out regularly in your homes and business establishments, schools and all buildings where public assemblies congregate.

During inspections by the Fire Prevention Bureau of the City of Charlottetown, it was discovered that quite a large number of old unoccupied buildings which are now in a dilapidated condition are a serious fire hazard not only to the owner, but to the neighbourhood as well. I strongly recommend that all old unoccupied buildings in a dilapidated condition be removed from the premises and all debris be cleaned up. This will improve the value of your property



CHIEF JEWELL

and at the same time eliminate a fire hazard that could destroy your home or place of business. Your co-operation in this matter would also improve the appearance of our city.

H. H. Jewell, Fire Chief, City of Charlottetown

Nylon underclothing can cause bad burns

Ladies, do you know that if you are dressed in a cotton slip and a nylon dress, you will have less chance of a severe burn by fire than if you are dressed in a nylon slip and cotton dress?

Or that a flared skirt will spread fire quicker than suit of the same material?

The slip-dress explanation, by Canadian fire scientists, is that cotton is more flammable than nylon (or other man-made fibres), therefore will ignite faster. The man-made fibres, on the other hand, will cause deeper and more severe burns once a melting point is reached.

The flared skirt hazard has been proved in experiments. An

easily comprehended illustration is that of a square dancer swirling near a hot stove, wearing not a sheath but a crinoline!

However, ladies, here's an interesting point: more men than women died in the ten-year period 1954-63 due to accidental ignition of clothing. But women and children grouped together, do exceed the masculine record.

INVITING TROUBLE

If you're looking for trouble, try lighting a torch in a crowded space to thaw out frozen water pipes. Or be careless on a welding or tar roofing job. The hazards are "built in".

ROASTED PEANUTS
Peanuts, 70,000 pounds of them, were roasted in a west coast warehouse fire, the blinding acrid smoke sending nearby residents to hospital with asthma attacks. Even fire-fighters with respirators needed oxygen treatment to carry on their four-hour battle, with jack-hammers smashing holes in the thick cement roof to let the fumes escape.

NOW YOU KNOW

Hold an unlit match level with, and an inch away from a candle flame. The match doesn't light! But hold the same match four inches directly above the candle flame and the match ignites; flames rise, and so do the deadly combustion gases. Now you know why one of the fire fighter's first jobs at a burning building is to chop a hole in the roof. It's to let the superheated gases out.

Fire marshal issues call to remove fire hazards

The following Fire Prevention Week statement has been issued by Provincial Fire Marshal, Earle T. MacLeod:

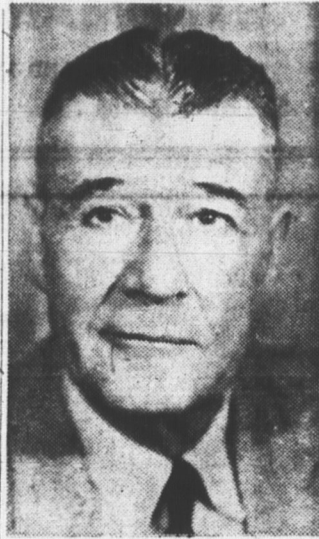
By Dominion Proclamation the week of October 4 to 9, 1965, is designated "Fire Prevention Week." This Proclamation made in the name of Queen Elizabeth of Canada, is an imperative reminder of the control of fire and its hazards, and appeals to all citizens to take proper precautions to curb the careless causes of fire.

Figures released by the fire marshal's office, through the department of public works, show a total of 364 fires reported in the province for 1964, with a property loss of \$490,172.00 — a decrease of \$369,601.00 from 1963.

It is with deep regret that we must record five deaths by fire in 1964.

While 47 per cent of fires are due to smokers' carelessness, the practice of pouring oil in the wood stove to hasten ignition, has contributed greatly to the loss of life and property in this province, and "It could happen to you."

Members of the different fire



EARLE MacLEOD

departments on the Island will be carrying out inspections of buildings such as stores, dwellings, apartment houses, places of assembly etc. in order to discover fire hazards, and bring them to the attention of the owners and have them removed, before fire results and lives and valuable property are lost.

An active Fire Prevention Week is planned, and home owners and business people are earnestly solicited to make these activities successful by removing all conditions likely to cause or promote the spread of fire.

The Provincial Fire Marshal urges all citizens, and public spirited organizations to back the fire safety appeal slogans of Fire Prevention Week and throughout the year.

"DON'T GIVE FIRE A PLACE TO START," AND STOP FIRES, SAVE LIVES."
EARLE T. MacLEOD
Provincial Fire Marshal

GOING UP

Fires are becoming more expensive. Ten years ago the average loss of a household fire was \$400. Now it is \$600. And a fire which a quarter of a century ago burned up a family grocery store at a loss in thousands today has its counterpart in a million dollar supermarket conflagration, perhaps wiping out an entire shopping plaza.

Flammable, Inflammable

Flammable—will burn. Inflammable—same thing. And yet 80 per cent of Canadian householders canvassed in a telephone survey had the idea that the prefix in "inflammable" gave it the meaning of "won't burn."

True, for some, danger was signified when either word appeared on an aerosol can or container.

Another troublesome English word—fire-proof. Use instead the phrase "fire-retardant."

Canada's shame

Fire really hurts Canadians. Scandinavia (Sweden, Norway, Denmark) has a combined population nearly that of Canada, with generally similar climate. Its overall fire loss is less than half of ours. The fire death-rate comparison (deaths per 100,000) puts Canada to even greater shame. Ours is three times as great.

NATURAL LAW

A Canadian fire scientist logically lists the four causes of fire: 1, men; 2, women; 3, children; 4, lightning.

DON'T BE CARELESS PREVENT FIRES

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 3 - 9

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE to all citizens of Borden

National Fire Prevention Week is being held throughout Canada from October 3rd - 9th inclusive. We urge the citizens of Borden to do their share in the prevention of fire. Check your homes or place of business for any possible fire hazards that may cause fire, the result being heavy damage and sometimes the loss of lives. Remember for your protection Don't Give Fire A Place To Start.

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FIRE PREVENTION IS YOUR JOB TOO!

Fire Prevention Week — October 3rd to 9th



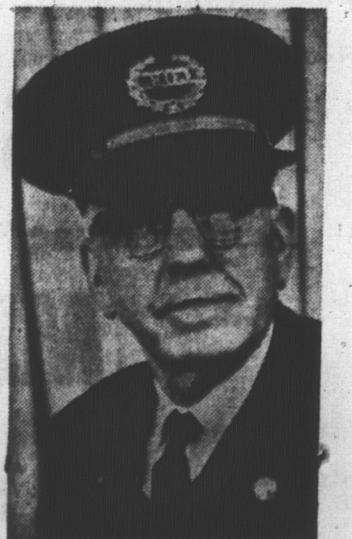
The front wall collapses, at the height of the disastrous fire which destroyed the 95 year old Queen Hotel in Charlottetown... Firemen stayed well clear when the first section of the front wall in the vicinity of the dining room tumbles into the street. "Think about fire wherever you are and don't give it a place to start."

Eight main causes of fires in Charlottetown during the past year:

1. Careless smoking and handling of matches
2. Misuse of electricity
3. Defective or overheating of cooking equipment
4. Improper disposal of rubbish
5. Careless handling of inflammable liquids
6. Defective furnaces and smoke pipes.
7. Chimneys in bad condition
8. Children playing with matches.

During Fire Prevention Week every citizen should take time out to inspect his home or property in regard to fire hazards. Those few moments spent in inspection of property and removing or correcting any existing fire hazard could possibly be the means of saving your property from destruction by fire or preventing the loss of a member of your family.

Fire records show that loss of life by fire occurs mostly in the home. The bureau of fire prevention of the City of Charlottetown request that every citizen play their part in carrying out fire inspection in their home, not only during fire prevention week but during the entire year.



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