

FIRE LOSSES REDUCED IN '52 BUT TOTAL STILL EXCESSIVE



T. A. CAMPBELL
Fire Marshal

Fire losses throughout the Province were considerably lower in 1952 than the previous year, states Mr. T. A. Campbell, Provincial Fire Marshal, in a statement prepared in connection with the Dominion Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10.

Losses in 1951 amounted to \$725,894. In 1952 the loss was \$475,264—a decrease of \$250,630. Four men, three women and two children, making a total of nine persons, lost their lives from fire during the past year.

Figures released by the Fire Marshal's office show a total of 355 fires reported in the Province. 125 fires in Charlottetown showed a property loss of \$148,277. There were two large fires at the Harwood Apartments on North River Road, owned by Mr. Albert Roop. One fire occurred in April and the other in September, with a total property loss of approximately \$100,000. Mr. Randolph W. Manning, also of North River Road, sustained a loss of approximately \$20,000 when a fire occurred at his dwelling on April 22nd of last year.

In Summerside, the property loss amounted to \$3,129, comprising mostly small fires. One hundred and thirty-four farm fires throughout the Province during the year left a property loss estimated at \$174,521, caused mostly by sparks on roofs, sparks from gasoline motors, overheated and defective chimneys and flues, and in some cases lightning.

"Fire Departments throughout the Province have been taking their usual keen interest in Fire Prevention," states Mr. Campbell. "Now that many of the smaller communities are incorporated, under the Village Incorporation Act, they have provided themselves with better equipment and have more complete organization. Some of the villages in Prince County

have made marked improvement in the equipping of their Fire Departments and are now in a position to relay water with two pumps, assisting thereby in fire protection for the surrounding districts.

"There are two privately owned Fire Departments in King's County to which I would like to give special mention for their splendid work in protecting properties in that large rural area,—the Compton Fire Department at Compton's Mills and the Ross' Mill Fire Department at Roseberry. These Fire Departments are maintained solely by their own resources and receive no funds whatsoever from any outside source. They operate with considerable expense to themselves on pumps, hose repair, etc., and are to be commended for their interest in fire prevention and fire protection."

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