

# Provincial laws protect kiddies

For a compassionate community there can be no sadder news than the death by fire of children in the home.

The shadow deepens when the headlines read: "We left them alone only for a few minutes."

For the stricken family, the shadow lasts a lifetime.

No child and not that matter no very old or dependent person should ever be alone.

This is a vital message from Canada's fire services and just for Fire Prevention Week but throughout the year.

There are various provincial penalties for callous neglect of children. And section 189 of the Criminal Code of Canada reads: "Everyone who unlawfully abandons or exposes a child who is under the age of 16 years, so that its life is or is likely to be endangered or its health is or is likely to be permanently injured, is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for two years."

**MANY LIVES**

There is a tragic monotony in the files of the year in which 268 children died: Eight children die, frying potatoes — parents out drinking, infant smothered in fire — 3-year-old knocks over oil lamp, kills self and two brothers — youngsters alone in barn playing with matches, die in flaming haystack — brother and sister unattended in nursery, caught in blaze caused by electric heater — year-old baby killed in stove fire while mother outside — boy lighting waste papers in garage, smothered by gases, — young cooking on faulty stove kills self and five other brothers and sisters.

Parents who go out have a duty to their children, to the community and to themselves to see that the youngsters are properly looked after.



REGULAR INSPECTIONS CAN PREVENT DEVASTATING LOSSES

# Two co-op associations claim taxation unjust

OTTAWA (CP) — The two biggest co-operative associations in Canada told the royal commission on taxation today it would be unjust and unreasonable to take a bigger tax bite from co-ops.

The Co-operative Union of Canada and Le Conseil Canadien de la Coopération, which together represent 1,800 co-operative organizations with a joint submission which tackled all criticisms levelled at structure on co-ops.

The criticism, led mainly by retail organizations, has centred around the fact that co-ops can deduct patronage dividends from taxable income, and can thus reduce taxable income to a minimum of three per cent of employed capital.

It is unreasonable to suggest, said the associations, that a producer should have to pay a tax, at the crop level, on the deferred payment for his product, or on the deferred discount which he has earned on the purchase of his supplies.

Other consumers who save in a similar manner on discount buying are not taxed on their savings, said the brief.

zations are merely an extension of the individual member and are not corporate entities.

Today's brief advanced this definition: "Cooperatives can be described in a general way as enterprises which belong to the people who use their services, their control resting equally among all members and their gains being distributed to the members and patrons in proportion to the use made of the services."

The brief sought continuation of the existing tax arrangements, along with the elimination of the clause which prevents taxable income from dipping below three per cent of employed capital.

The basic argument against the existing tax structure is that patronage dividends are, in effect, shareholder dividends and should bear the same tax as in other corporate bodies. The co-op argument is that the organi-

# FACTS ABOUT FIRES

# Even bonfires hold dangers

Firecrackers and picnic bonfires are wonderful attractions for young of heart. But both entail dangers that stand thinking about.

Firecrackers are no longer something for small children to play with. Displays should be strictly supervised and in any case subject to local ordinance.

As for bonfires on the family outing, let there be adult ideas about the manner of start and stop. The bonfire out of hand can become a tragedy.

Home, safe home — be it ever so humble there's no place like home, fire-safe home — a home which uses proper size electrical fuses, which has plenty of large ash trays around for smokers, which keeps its heat-load of appliances? Look at it from the standpoint of appliances available then and now 1913-5; 1933-19; 1963-60.

If you cook with electricity the blowing of the fuse is your safety signal. With gas your nose gives warning of a leak. Whether natural or manufactured gas, a distinctive odor is deliberately introduced for your protection. The natural gas odor is sweet and sickly, even suggestive of a skunk. Manufactured gas may smell to high heaven like rotten cabbage. You may never enjoy such rare fragrance! But, if you do, open the windows, get out, and call aid: DON'T STRIKE A MATCH OR SWITCH A LIGHT.

Is the electrical wiring in your home capable of safely taking

# Fires really hurt Canada

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 greater!

**RE BIG FIRES**

Last year Canada suffered no big fire like the \$4,000,000 one of 1961 involving a Newfoundland waterfront. But 53 fires alone were responsible for almost a quarter of the year's dollar loss although their number was but a fraction of one per cent of all fires.

Biggest industrial fire of the year, a west coast cannery cost an estimated \$1,707,000. Seven store fires totalled \$3,738,500, a Quebec supermarket blaze itself claiming \$1,500,000. Three major school fires destroyed \$1,023,000. A church fire at Baie St. Paul, Que., and another at St. Catharines, Ont., cost nearly \$2,000,000. Six major fires in apartment buildings wasted a bit more than two millions. Large hotel fire losses, \$1,672,000 more than doubled the 1961 record.

The world's leading fire study organization, the National Fire Protection Association, takes a hard look at Canada's 53 large loss fires of 1962. It says that the key to elimination of such fires is improved building design, and proper use of protection equipment like sprinklers and alarm systems.

# HELP ((STOP)) FIRES

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCT. 6 - 12

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### EVERY WEEK

# CITIZENS OF BORDEN

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 6th to 12th

National Fire Prevention Week is being held throughout Canada from October 6th to 12th inclusive. We urge the citizens of Borden to do their share in the prevention of fire. Check your home 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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# PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1... FIRE



It's up to you to get him! And a big reward is yours . . . the reward of greater safety for you and your family, plus protection for your valuable property, too.

Every year this dangerous public enemy ranges through the land, taking a tragic toll in lives and property. Only you can stop fire . . . by removing fire hazards in your home and business . . .

By being extra careful with fire in any form, by keeping wiring and heating equipment in top condition . . . by making every week Fire Prevention Week!

# Fire Prevention Should Begin At Home . . .

- NEVER LEAVE MATCHES NEAR CHILDREN
- DON'T HAVE THAT LAST SMOKE IN BED
- EXAMINE AND REPLACE FAULTY ELECTRICAL WIRING
- DON'T STORE COMBUSTIBLES IN YOUR CELLAR AND ATTIC
- COOPERATE WITH YOUR LOCAL FIRE AUTHORITIES



National Fire Prevention Week is being held throughout Canada from October 6 to 12 inclusive.

We urge the citizens of Summerside to be strongly reminded of the dangers and the consequences of fire. It is felt that most fires are caused by carelessness and can be avoided if preventive measures are taken. During Fire Prevention Week we urge you to have your home checked for all fire hazards which may lead to a serious fire.

Your co-operation is continually needed to help fireman in your community to protect you from disastrous fires. Not only during Fire Prevention Week . . . BUT . . . 52 weeks of the year we must prevent fires. Don't give fire a place to start. Not only is our property at stake during a fire but also our lives and the lives of our loved ones.

For Extra Protection, Check Your Fire Insurance Coverage . . . See Us Soon

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