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# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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## P.E.I. Fire Losses Heavy During The Past Year

Fires in the Province last year took two lives and caused property damage of \$725,894, Provincial Fire Marshal, T. A. Campbell, announced on the eve of Fire Prevention Week which begins tomorrow and ends October 11.

Losing their lives in one of the 353 fires were Mrs. Gordon Robbins and her baby son, Haldane of Midgell when a flash fire destroyed their home.

The fire loss was extremely high, Mr. Campbell said, due to the large loss of property in the Rankine McLaine fire, which, with adjoining buildings caused damage estimated at approximately \$350,000.

In the two major centres of the Province, Charlottetown and Summerside, the loss amounted to \$376,190 and \$27,803 respectively.

In the rural areas there were one hundred and nine farm fires



Fire Marshal Campbell

during the year with the loss being estimated at \$178,612.

During the year, Mr. Campbell said, fourteen official inquiries into fires were held. Four of these were found to be of incendiary origin.

### Co-operation Sought

The co-operation of all citizens throughout the Province in a campaign to eliminate fire hazards, not only during Fire Prevention Week but every week of the year as well, is sought by the Provincial Fire Marshal.

However during the week of October 5th to 11th, he states, special emphasis will be placed on Fire Prevention. Mr. Campbell has many suggestions for those anxious to co-operate in this important programme. He has placed particular emphasis on

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tions where a single telephone exchange covers a number of different communities. Every household-er should put the phone number of the local Fire Department near the telephone, with instructions how to use same. The number of our Fire Department here in Charlottetown is THREE, THREE, SEVEN (337). The baby sitter should be instructed to tell the operator that this is an emergency and give her the number of the house and the name of the street.

If there is no telephone in the home, I do not think that the baby sitter should be told to leave the baby in the burning building while she runs to use the phone of a nearby neighbor. If there is any question, whatsoever, as to the speed at which the fire is spreading, or any delay, even though it be slight, in reaching the Fire Department by telephone, the baby sitter should get the children out of the house and use some neighbor's phone.

In case of a fire in cold weather, there may be a question as to whether the children should be dressed or in some way wrapped up to keep them warm before getting them out of the building. It may be a great mistake to stop to dress the children as the delay may be fatal. It is much better to grab a blanket or something to wrap them in.

In case the baby sitter smells smoke but does not find any fire,

cleaning and repairing of flues before the winter sets in, as a high percentage of fires, especially in the rural districts, start from sparks on the roof from defective flues and chimneys.

The Government of Prince Edward Island, Department of Industry and Natural Resources, requests every responsible citizen to consider these facts and to fully co-operate in an active manner with all municipal authorities.

she should at once report it to the Fire Department. In that case, particularly in bad weather, it may not be necessary to immediately get the children out of the building, but it would be very wise to move them to some location where they can be gotten out instantly, say adjacent to the front door. The baby sitter should be warned that smouldering fires in concealed places may suddenly break out with almost explosive force.

In the case of any gas leak, the thing to do is to get the children out immediately without waiting for anything. It is also important in that case not to turn off any electric switches or try to use the telephone, as a spark from any electric appliance might cause the ignition of the gas. A report should be made to the gas company or some other delegated authority from neighbor's house.

Should something go wrong with the oil burning equipment, tell the baby sitter to turn off the oil if she is familiar with and fully understands the operation of the equipment. Otherwise get the children out of the house and call for help.



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### Follow These Four Commandments of Fire Prevention!

- Don't pile up paper, rags, inflammable fluids in your cellar;
- Don't leave your fireplace smouldering
- Don't leave lighted cigarettes around;
- Don't let a moment of carelessness cost you a lifetime of effort.

Inserted by the City of Charlottetown in co-operation with Fire Prevention Week.

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### Observe These Safety Rules

1. Remove all Fire Hazards from in and around your home.
2. Don't meddle with Fluids that are highly explosive.
3. Be careful with Matches and Smoking.
4. Electrical Fires are due to misuse or poor condition of electrical wiring or equipment. Upon discovery of any electrical trouble consult a competent Electrician immediately.



Each and every one of us can serve a worthy cause by doing everything to prevent fires. If more attention is given to preventing fires much loss and effort will be eliminated. To cut down on fires we must prevent fires by removing their cause.

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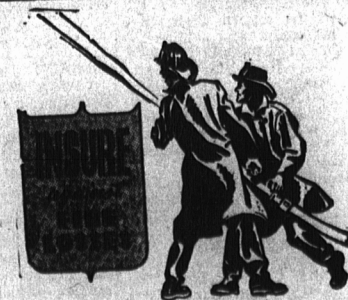
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