

\$155 million lost in Canada

Canadians burned up an estimated \$155,000,000 in property in 1963. It was the greatest fire loss of any year in their history. The 1962 total was \$140,144,643. Soaring industry losses mainly accounted for the increase. Figures exclude forest and federal government fires.

Per capita, the 1963 estimate is \$8.21, compared with \$7.47 in 1962. The worst previous per capita loss, \$8.05, was in 1957. Offsetting monetary considerations, two significant developments are reported:

Fire deaths substantially declined, only 531 (men, women, children) lost their lives. At 2.3 (deaths per 100,000) this is the lowest fatality rate ever. The 1962 rate was 3.3, for 626 victims.

In relation to population, the annual incidence of fires is coming down.

The simple fact is that fires are becoming more expensive. Ten years ago the average loss of a household fire was \$400. Now it is over \$600. And a fire, which a quarter of a century ago burned up a family corner grocery store at a loss in thousands today has its counterpart in a million dollar supermarket conflagration, perhaps wiping out an entire shopping plaza. These illustrations are as good as any. Like most everything else, "then and now" comparisons of fire waste can be misleading, unless adjusted to common dollar values. For example, at 1949 population and consumer price index levels, reckon the 1962 loss of \$140 millions at about \$75 millions. Each year assessments become more complex. In 1963, for instance, the sales tax on building materials tends to increase fire loss reports proportionately.



12 PERSONS LEFT HOMELESS

Racial Troubles Seen On Decline In South

By Don McKee

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Receding racial troubles have brought hopes that the U.S. South has passed through its crisis in the segregation struggle a century after the Civil War reached its bitter climax. Both white and Negro spokesmen believe that the worst of the South's racial conflict is over. There is a new sense of optimism.

Ironically, southern observers now feel the North with its slums and growing Negro unemployment faces more serious trouble.

"I think we are over the worst part," said Police Chief Laurie Pritchett of Albany, Ga., where hundreds of Negroes were jailed in street demonstrations during the presidential election campaign.

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Padding, Helmets Criticized

VINELAND, Ont. (CP) — Protective padding and helmets worn by some university and high school football players are dangerous to their safety, Dr. Ian Macnab of Toronto said here.

Speaking to 500 doctors attending an Ontario chapter meeting of the College of General Practice of Canada, Dr. Macnab said it would be safer in some cases for players not to wear protective gear.

He said three university students in Kingston alone broke their necks because of face masks on their helmets during the 1961 season.

The players were knocked flat on their faces after a tackle but their bodies cartwheeled, said Dr. Macnab. "The helmet acted as a sort of wheel and, as they rolled over on their heads, the back of the helmet snapped their necks."

DANGER DREADFUL.

The Toronto doctor also said that shoulder pads could cause serious injuries to players, but that school students wearing spikes, then the danger was dreadful.

He suggested that protective equipment be designed for safety precaution and not an offensive danger.

Another Toronto doctor, Hoyle Campbell, said some injuries occur in high school because players are not in condition.

In answer to a question, he said high school sports involving bodily contact should not be discontinued because of injury risk. Sports are an outlet for the tremendous energy of students, he said.

tested only a small percentage of businesses. Places which complied have not been deluged with Negro patrons.

This results in part from civil rights organizations asking for a cessation of demonstrations during the presidential election campaign.

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CITIZENS COMPLY

And Albany after resisting every integration effort for three years, quietly complied. Restaurants served Negroes. Schools peacefully yielded to court-ordered integration in September.

This pattern was repeated in much of the South.

Helping along the goodwill has been the slow and careful approach by Negroes in initial tests of the new law. They have

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Canadian imports Soar This Year

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian imports are soaring. In June they were nearly 30 per cent higher than a year earlier. The half-year total was up 19.3 per cent.

However, exports are climbing even faster. They were up 21.7 per cent in the January-June period compared with the same period last year.

Result was a surplus of \$233,600,000 on Canada's world-wide trade in the first six months of 1964. It compared with a \$122,300,000 surplus at the mid-way point in 1963.

In June trading alone, Canada's surplus was up substantially to \$106,800,000 from \$20,100,000 in June last year.

The figures issued by the bureau of statistics Wednesday gave this picture:

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HARNESS HURRICANES

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet colonel charged Wednesday that U.S. scientists are working on ways of turning hurricanes to ward Communist countries. Col. I. Zheleznikov said the United States hopes to turn the weather into weapons more powerful than atomic bombs. He warned that such "wild ideas" could touch off a new war and inevitable defeat for the West.

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as may be necessary to determine whether formal inquiry is warranted at any time.

The act requires Mr. Henry to launch a formal inquiry when he has reason to believe that the act has been violated.

He said he did not begin such an inquiry into the sharp

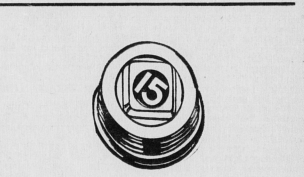
Federal Agency Keeps Watch On Sugar Industry

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian sugar industry is being kept under "close surveillance" by D. H. W. Henry, director of investigation and research under the Combines Investigation Act.

Mr. Henry's annual report for the year ended March 31 was made public here. It says in part:

"Conditions of entry to the refining industry, as well as the price behavior of existing firms will be studied as continuously

CHECK YOUR FUSES Make Sure the Number is



The most commonly used electrical protection device is the fuse. This acts as a safety valve for the electrical installation of your home. For the protection of your home, you are urged not to use fuses which are above 15 amps., for lighting and ordinary plug-in outlet circuits.

If your 15 amp. fuses are "blowing", do not replace with fuses of higher ampereage—call your electrician.



Mrs. Housewife

FIRES CAN BE PREVENTED!



DON'T DRY-CLEAN AT HOME!

Any home dry-cleaning fluid can start a big fire! Be careful! Never keep dry-cleaning fluid in YOUR home! Don't risk your life to save pennies! Our professional dry cleaning is safe, thorough, and economical! Take our advice... bring all of your dry-cleaning garments to us for the expert and safe care they deserve.

- CUDMORE'S DRY CLEANERS** 120 KENT ST. DIAL 4-4922
- MASTER CLEANERS** 122 FITZROY ST. DIAL 4-5636
- NEW METHOD CLEANERS** 130 LONGWORTH AVE. DIAL 4-7366
- RITE-WAY CLEANERS** 192 FITZROY ST. DIAL 4-7387

ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOKOUT AGAINST KILLER

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCT. 4-10

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE to all citizens of Borden

National Fire Prevention Week is being held throughout Canada from October 4th to 10th 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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