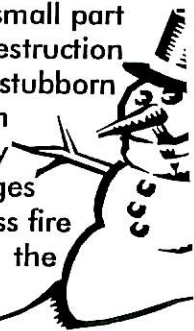


equipment was purchased the late Estel J. Strain was appointed caretaker and operator and many times he did an admirable job under difficult circumstances. The drying of hose, particularly in winter weather was always a problem and I am sure we appreciate Mrs. Strain's tolerance in putting up with the hose draped around her kitchen range, times without number. At Mr. Strain's death, his son Lloyd became the caretaker and latterly another son Leslie. Many people owe this family a debt of gratitude for their co-operation and patience in providing this service over the past seventeen years.



When the one long ring on the old magneto telephone struck terror to the hearts of all those within hearing of it and they rushed to the telephone to inquire 'where is it?', one could be sure that before putting this fire call out over the individual telephone lines that the operator had already called the Strain residence and some member of the Strain family was already on their way with the equipment. A number of fires come to mind which would have been very severe losses except for this bit of meager equipment. I remember a hot dry September day when the MacCrimmon barn, in close proximity to the house burst into flames, it was this equipment, with an adequate supply of water from the bay, which saved the house, as well as other surrounding buildings. It played no small part in saving the Neilson Store from destruction one Spring morning when a stubborn smouldering fire was prevented from bursting into a terrible conflagration by the lack of oxygen. One of the cottages on Stella Point was saved when a grass fire got out of control, but probably the greatest 'save' to the credit of the equipment was just four years



ago when Rossena's coffee ship, a large brick building was destroyed during the early morning, had it not been for the hundreds of gallons of water poured upon the nearby buildings by this much despised little pump, before the arrival of the Bath Fire Department by Ferry, the greater part of the upper part of the village could have fallen prey to the flames.

It is sincerely hoped that this additional equipment may prove of some value in the larger organization of which it may form a part.