

Canada Prepares To Deal With Disaster

FARM AND FOREST BATTLEGROUND

Just as modern war has spread from field forces to civil communities, the line of defence has broadened, say Canadian defense experts to embrace all sections of the country—not only those in crowded, potential-target areas. The farmer, most of all, has an important role to play in any measures which Canada may have to take to fight off attack.

Destruction of sources of supply for fighting forces is a technique already being employed effectively in areas where war flames, even now. Any assault on Canada, according to the experts, would certainly give priority to sections which sustain the population with food, as well as to sites of great arms production plants and industrial zones generally.

The potential dangers of biological and chemical warfare have already been explained, with their peculiar significances to those who operate farms and who live outside the larger communities. There is still another possible threat to such places—incendiarism.

When we think of arson—the deliberate firing of property—we usually think of such acts as directed against stores of materials, key installations, production machinery, transportation, etc. But the Civil Defence authorities believe that an enemy might attack our farms and forests as well as our industries and defence establishments, in an effort to cripple our resources and undermine our whole economy.

Bush Fires

The havoc which forest fires cause is, unhappily, too well known to Canadians, from peacetime experience. They will have no difficulty in visualizing the terror and destruction which could be spread, in wartime, by the deliberate burning of our timber lands. Those charged with our national security urge all who live in or near wooded areas to be particularly watchful should the threat of war draw nearer. Of course, they count on them for vigilance in peacetime, too, for fires can start—and most often do—from sheer carelessness.

Crop Incendiarism

While a vast number of enemy agents would have to be used to

do much harm by spreading germs among human beings and livestock, and a small army of saboteurs would be needed for the wholesale pollution of water sources and food stocks, extensive fires could be started by a mere handful of agents. Fire will not spread in standing crops ex-



cept during the period between ripening and harvesting, and then only in dry weather. At these times, standing crops might be a target for incendiarism. Attempts might be made, too, on stored grains and loss of basic cereals and provender would not only be a calamity for the farmer but, if widespread, would constitute a national disaster of the greatest magnitude.

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Farm Fighters

Ottawa officials and their working partners in all the provinces are heartened by the interest being shown in rural communities in the subject of civil defence and in measures which many of our smaller places are taking to ensure that they play a worthwhile role if ever Canada is in danger. They have expressed admiration for those villages and sections where, already, civil defence services have been set up to fulfill the function of mutual aid and reception areas, in support of the bigger communities which may be expected to undergo direct attack.

But, the farmer may find that war has come right into his own barnyard. He must, say the experts, be constantly on guard to ensure that no one tampers with his holdings or endangers his own family, stock or yield. He, as a Canadian, is an important member of the national army defending our very soil and is counted upon, with the sturdiness which marks him as our prime producer, to do his share in ensuring the national safety and, if need be, backing up our disaster services with positive action.



Scouts Hear Lecture on Guns

On Tuesday, October 6th, the Haileybury Boy Scouts were entertained with a short lecture on guns, conducted by George Byles. The object of the lecture was to show that whenever you point a gun at anything you mean to kill it, whether it be man or beast.

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The Scouts were greatly interested in this lecture and decided to have a competition for marksman badges in the near future. —David Tuer.

Two Haileybury Firemen Attend Annual Convention

Two Haileybury firemen, Lewis Simard and Thomas Forget, attended the annual convention in Schumacher this week. This is the third year that two volunteer firemen have acted as delegates to the convention and they will now become honorary life members of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association.

Children and Matches Lead to Stubborn Fire

After an intensive program during Fire Prevention Week, the Haileybury fire brigade made two calls last week. Both causes of the fires were points which were stressed by the fire chief and to those, also, who came from a distance at their own expense to participate. Unfortunately, Mrs. O. T. Orr (Presbyterian) president, was unexpectedly absent due to illness in her family.

On Saturday afternoon at 2:20 the brigade answered a call from the home of John Fortin on Albert street where children had been playing with matches and set fire to the woodshed. It took firemen some time to put the blaze out as the shed was filled with birch wood and a strong wind was blowing.

On Sunday morning at 11:50 a chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Maud Mawhinney on Niven St was quickly extinguished with no damage.

Present as visitors from New Liskeard were Mesdames Forest, Cooke, Thompson, Bowman and Pelkie. This was the first rally of its kind held in Temiskaming Presbyterian and reflects great credit on the members who without previous experience, undertook to pioneer in this field and to those, also, who came from a distance at their own expense to participate. Unfortunately, Mrs. O. T. Orr (Presbyterian) president, was unexpectedly absent due to illness in her family.

Mrs. A. Monahan, Arntfield W.A. conducted the worship service which opened the morning session. Mrs. J. Muir welcomed the members. A school for secretaries of Junior groups was conducted by Mrs. A. Sjoln while Mrs. H. Stevens gave a talk on the "Bookshelf."

The meeting then adjourned for lunch which was provided by the Noranda W.A.

The afternoon session was highlighted by talks by Dr. T. Buchanan, a medical missionary on furlough from India and by Mrs. A. E. Nourse, Toronto Conference president. Dr. Buchanan stressed the need for more doctors and mentioned with regret that few if any, medical men were offering themselves for the foreign field. Mrs. Nourse spoke on both the material and spiritual aspects of W.M.S. work. Two books were reviewed by Mrs. L. Balson. Miss Mulloy of Kirkland Lake closed the session with the benediction. Tea was served and a friendly half hour was spent before members started to wend their way home.

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James Eccles, Brampton, Ont., first tractor plowing champion of the world, who won his crown at the world plowing match, Cobourg, Ont., October 8 and 9. He defeated plowmen from ten other countries and Robert Timbers of Stouffville, Ont., Ontario and Canadian champion. Timbers placed third in the world match. Eccles, winner of the world trophy, the Esso Golden Plow, and Timbers will also compete in the second world match in Europe next fall. They will travel as guests of Imperial Oil.

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St. Paul's Church

Holy Communion—8.00 a.m.
1st Sunday, Holy Communion—11 a.m.
Other Sundays, Matins—11 a.m.
Church School meets at 11 a.m.
Evening Prayer—7.30 p.m.
ST. GEORGE'S, NORTH COBALT
Morning Service—9.15 a.m.

The United Church

REV. A. T. DENHOLM, M.A., B.D.
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NORTH COBALT
Public Worship—7.30 p.m.

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