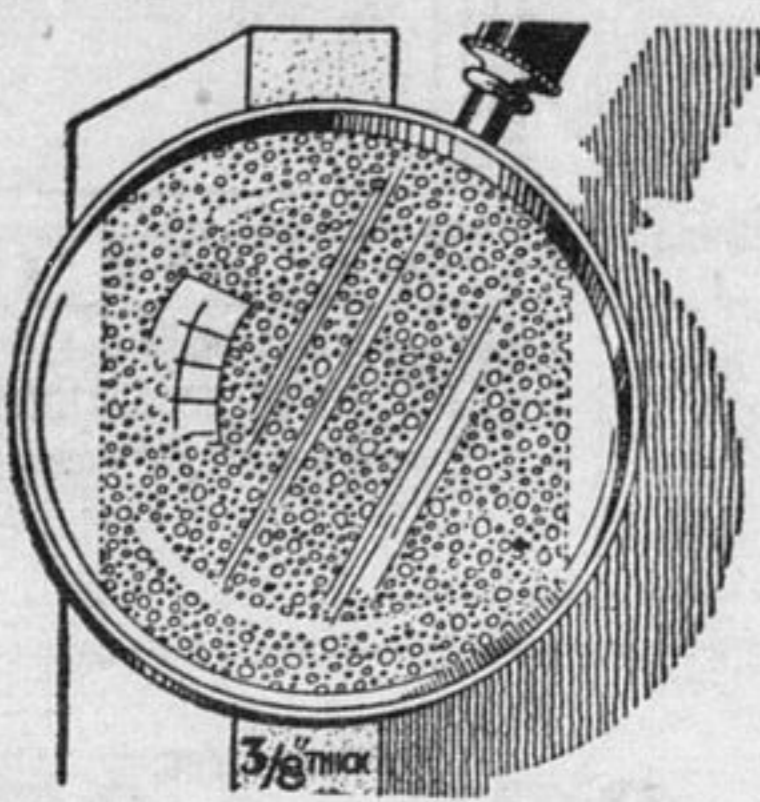


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### THOUGHTLESSNESS OFTEN THE CAUSE OF BAD FIRES

Ontario Government Gives Useful Hints in Connection With Fire Protection Week Next Week.

In connection with the Dominion-wide observance of this week as "Fire Prevention Week," the Ontario Fire Marshal's department has issued a booklet of useful hints and advice in regard to the prevention of fire. Among the facts impressed by the booklet are the following:—

That fires caused by careless smokers and matches amounted to \$625,015, accounting for twenty-four per cent. of the number of fires from known causes in 1927?

That smoking in bed, putting a lighted pipe in coat pocket, or leaving the lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette stubs lying around the house are extremely dangerous and invite disaster?

That a metal receptacle for cigar and pipe ashes, cigarette butts and matches should always be provided for smokers?

That a match, cigarette butt or cigar ashes should never be thrown in a waste paper basket?

That safety matches—the kind that strike only on the prepared surface of the containing box—are the only matches that should be used?

That defective heating apparatus is the cause of fire, which results in much suffering and loss of life?

That last year 2,927 fires were due to careless handling and defective installation of heating apparatus—equal to thirty-four per cent. of the total number of fires from known causes?

That all places in the home and factory, the furnace or boiler room should be absolutely free from accumulations of combustible refuse—the acme of order and cleanliness?

That matches should be kept in a metal receptacle out of the reach of children?

That children should be cautioned against the danger of playing with lighted matches or fire?

That a burnt match should be thrown away unless you are sure it is out?

That a good plan is to break the match stick in two and then you will be sure that there is no fire left in it?

That it is a bad habit to carry matches loose in one's pocket? A match may easily be dropped in flammable material, and, if stepped on, cause a fire.

That through DEFECTIVE ELECTRICAL WIRING, and other causes, electricity was responsible for 1,012 fires, or a total loss of \$436,390, equal to twelve per cent. of the number of fires from known causes in 1927?

That electric light is infinitely safer than coal-oil lamps or any other form of artificial lighting when the equipment is installed in conformity with the Rules and Regulations of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission?

That the fuse on an electric light or power circuit is the "safety valve" of the wiring?

That filling fuse holders with anything but proper fuses is a violation of the law?

That electric pressing irons may cause fires by being left in contact with combustible material with the current thoughtlessly turned on?

That it is necessary to get a permit from the H.E.P.C. before doing any electrical work in a building?

### NEW DUST MASK INVENTED FOR MINERS AND OTHERS

Designed to Protect Skull as Well as Filter Out Noxious Particles.

Those concerned with mining operations in Ontario have been for some years past studying ways and means to avoid the dangers of silica dust especially. Several forms of mask have been considered, but miners could not be expected to wear them. A new and improved dust mask, devised in the United States Bureau of Mines and designed to protect the skull as well as to filter out noxious particles is described by M. E. Clements, in the New York publication, "Industrial Engineering." Mr. Clements says:—

"The numerous industries in which workers perform their labour in atmospheres charged with unwholesome and poisonous dusts or gases will be interested in a device developed by the Federal Bureau of Mines, which serves all the purposes of a hat, and at the same time intercepts the dangerous dust particles that would otherwise penetrate the lungs of the wearer. When the device is worn by miners, it should tend to ease the blow of any dislodged piece of rock that might tumble down upon the head of the worker.

"Poisonous dusts, such as those bearing lead or arsenic; some rock dusts, such as silica; metallic dusts, including those produced in grinding and polishing shops; and many other dusts, including some organic dusts, such as those in textile mills, are injurious when constantly breathed. Hard-rock miners, stone-cutters, glass-workers, potters and metal grinders are especially exposed to the dust hazard. Dusty atmospheres are occasionally encountered by every one, and discomfort is experienced even if no special harm is suffered.

"Any dust inhaled into the respiratory passages or lungs can be considered harmful, even if it is not especially dangerous, the Bureau of Mines investigators point out. The body has a limited capacity for removing dust particles, but when this capacity is exceeded the lungs become gradually charged with the dusts. As much as thirteen grams of silica rock dust, numbering twenty million millions of particles, have been found in the lungs of miners who died from silicosis. Most of these particles of dust were about one twenty-five thousandth of an inch in diameter. Only a powerful microscope can make such particles visible to the eye. About fifty placed in line would be needed to equal the diameter of a human hair. When such very small particles are dispersed in the air, they are carried about like smoke, and they settle very slowly from quiet air.

"In the type of dust respirator devised by the Bureau of Mines chemists, a filter is built into a square brimless hat or cap, a rubber tube connecting the cap with the nose cover. As the wearer breathes, the inspired air passes first through the out filtering material to the interior of the cap, then through a mica-disk check-valve in the top of the cap, then through the tube to the nose cap. The mica-disk check-valve prevents back flow of exhaled air. The cap filter is built on a wire frame which is lined up with fabricoid, to prevent dusty air being drawn over the wearer's scalp and hair. Canton flannel, which has less tendency to clog with deposited dust than most materials, is the chief filtering material employed. Between the linings of the cap is a filler about one inch thick of sterilized curled hair like that used by upholsterers.

"The entire respirator weighs twenty-one or twenty-two ounces. The weight is balanced on the head, and is not oppressive, because the head is free to move in any direction. In order to avoid the discomfort caused when the face is covered, the part touching the face has been reduced to a minimum. The mouth is uncovered, so that the wearer may talk freely.

"In the progress of its investigations the bureau found that a great variety of queer-looking contrivances was being employed for the purpose of combatting unwholesome dusts. In some types of respirators, wet sponges are depended upon to catch the unwelcome dust particles. Paper, made of various fibers, is the chief filtering material used in other makes. Felt and other cloths are used in still other types. Fly-screen is also used. Cheese-cloth respirators, made at home, have been used to advantage in the white-lead and other industries."

### VALUE OF CHURCHES TO THE COMMUNITIES OF THE LAND

An editorial note in The Journal-Argus, of St. Mary's recently, says:—

"One frequently hears of efforts made to discount the service of the church to the modern community. And yet the church serves not only the community as a whole, but every individual in it at some time in his life. Even the fellow who never darkens the church door expects the service of the minister when his time comes to be tucked in under seven feet of earth. Yes, the church gladly serves all. On the other hand, there is the well-established fact that in the average community a large portion of the people contribute not one dollar to the maintenance of the church and its work. Perhaps if non-givers, who have means, would loosen up, they would feel better towards the church and would at the same time gain something in self-respect."

### ELECTED AS HAILEYBURY'S MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION

Last week Wilfred Charbonneau was elected mayor of Haileybury by acclamation to take the place of Mayor Pipe who recently resigned following the passage of two by-laws by the rate payers for street paving, these paving contracts being contrary to Mayor Pipe's definite attitude to certain expenditures as a matter of economy. The new mayor recently resigned his seat on the town council so that he might run for mayor to fill the vacancy caused by Mayor Pipe's retirement. The vacant place on the council board is filled by the election, also by acclamation, of Sydney Graham as councillor in the place of the present mayor, Wilfred Charbonneau.

### Norfolk Virginian Plot:—A newspaper headline says:—Woman, 101 Years Old, Has Never Seen Automobile.

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### Importance of Drainage to This North Country

Writing to Thee Advance from the Dominion Experimental Farm at Kapuskasing, Ont., Mr. Smith Ballantyne says:—

"The importance of good drainage cannot be over emphasized in a country like Northern Ontario where the successful production of cereal grains is so dependent upon early seeding.

"At the Dominion experimental Station, Kapuskasing, Ontario, it has been found that open ditches, if kept properly cleaned out, give very excellent results in carrying away the surplus or surface water, not only in the spring of the year but also throughout the growing season.

"During periods of heavy rainfall, the growing crops are almost sure to suffer serious injury from surface water and the soil remaining too wet unless the water is carried away immediately either by underdrainage or water furrows, and as underdrainage is quite expensive farmers should take advantage of the excellent results which may be obtained from a proper system of water furrows and open ditches."

along the road, has extended a personal invitation to Mencken to be present at the hanging. It is not known yet whether Mencken will respond or not. Perhaps, he will be afraid. It is hard to know what might happen if Mencken was there and everything was all ready.

London Passing Show:—A burglar about to give his son a thrashing, said:—"Mind you, this is not so much for pinching the jam, but for the careless way you've left your fingerprints about."

Toronto Mail and Empire:—The British Admiralty has ordered Irish stew rations to be issued to the navy as a variant from the present meat and vegetables rations. To be impartial it should add Scotch haggis.

### ASKS HIS FAVOURITE EDITOR TO ATTEND HIS HANGING

Editors often receive queer expressions of regard or dislike from readers, but H. L. Mencken, of Baltimore, an editor who has made himself more or less known in some parts of the United States, has received, perhaps, the queerest expression of favour yet, with the possible exception of the New York editor now passed away. The New York editor attracted the favourable notice of one of the city's gangsters some years ago and the gangster visited the editorial office and offered to "bump off" any other editor or any other individual that the New York editor might name. "You must have lots of men that you would like bumped off," said the thug, "and I like you and I'll croak any one of them free for you, because I read your paper right along and you're a square guy." The thug was much disappointed because his offer was not accepted.

The form of favour shown to Mencken is a little different. Robert F. Blake, of Austin, Texas, who is to be hanged for the murder in 1925 of an automobile dealer who gave him a lift

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