



Let's Keep Timmins A Safe Town

This year, so far, there has been a marked decrease in the number of fire alarms turned in and in the property loss. This notable achievement is due largely to the efficiency of the fire department both in fighting fires and in its regular day to day preventative measures. Also the co-operation of the vast majority of citizens made this improvement possible.

Let every one of us resolve to do our part to cut still further the fire toll. Learn the location of alarm boxes. Be careful in handling matches. Keep chimneys clean and be sure that flues are in good condition. Clean out basements and attics and eliminate rubbish. Most fires are due to carelessness... but carelessness can prevent them.

Your Co-operation Is Needed THE TOWN OF TIMMINS

Prevention of Fires a Patriotic Duty, Says Schumacher Fire Chief

Forty Lives Lost, Many People Injured and Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed by Haileybury Fire Which Began on October 4, 1922. Of 741 Homes in Town, Only 71 Remained Standing.

Schumacher, Oct. 4th, 1939
To the People of Schumacher.

Dear Friends:—The stress of present day conditions demands the very best that every citizen can contribute to the services of our national life, and to the conservation of our national resources.

More than ever before, it is now a patriotic duty to prevent fire losses. Effective results will require leadership organization and energetic effort.

The Fire Chief and his Dept. are the logical leaders in the work of fire prevention in their respective communities.

The circumstances of today should render it easier for him to enlist the support of other officials and of the citizens as a whole, if the purpose of such a campaign is impressed upon them. The active and united effort of all, both fire depts. and citizens can render a valuable service to the country.

The main purpose of a "Fire Prevention Week" is to arouse a public interest in the needless losses in life and property incurred by fire.

During recent years there has been a gradual increase in the number of fires, also in the amount of losses.

This year we are making a special appeal to ALL to clean their chimneys, stove pipes, furnaces, basements, and thus remove the cause of many fires.

This year we are making a special appeal to all citizens to reduce the unavoidable waste, that is being put forth in this time of crisis.

Again may we reiterate that it is a patriotic duty to prevent fire and its resultant waste in our national resources. Make "Fire Prevention Week" a year-round effort.

Yours truly,
F. C. Jucksch, Fire Chief.

Deputy Fire Marshal Now O.P.P. Commissioner

The following item is from the current issue of the bulletin published by the Ontario Fire Marshal:—

"On September 3, 1939, W. H. Stringer, who has been the Deputy Fire Marshal for Ontario since the reorganization of the Fire Marshal's Office in 1935, was appointed to the position of Commissioner of Police for Ontario. Mr. Stringer was born in Dublin County, Ireland, and came to Canada at the age of 17 in 1903. Six years after his arrival in Canada he joined the Toronto Police Force and on the organization of the Ontario Provincial Police in August 1910 he received an appointment to the latter force. From his appointment in 1910 to the Ontario force until December 1915, he was stationed at Fort William. In 1915 he was transferred for duty to Sarnia, remaining there until 1920, when he was appointed as Inspector of the Criminal Investigation Branch of the Ontario Provincial Police. In January 1933, upon the retirement of the late Alfred Cuddy from the position of Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Stringer was appointed to that position with the title of Chief Inspector of the Criminal Investigation Branch. Following a lengthy illness, he was transferred in July 1935 from this post of Chief Inspector to that of Deputy Fire Marshal for Ontario, which he now has left to return to head the Ontario Provincial Police, the force he was with for 25 years."

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War Emergency Fire Protection in Factories

Ontario Fire Marshal Co-operating in Every Way.

(From Ontario Fire Marshal)

War Emergency Fire Protection in Factories.—With one of the greatest parts that Canada can take in the present war situation being the supplying of war materials and other essential goods, in which the industrial facilities of the Province of Ontario will be a very major factor, those persons and organizations interested in fire prevention have an even greater duty to reduce the fire waste in this province.

Either designed or accidental fires are not only a wastage in the material resources of the Dominion, but possibly also a serious interference in Canada's production programme. The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office is co-operating towards this end in the following ways:

(1) Circulars have been sent to every fire chief in Ontario recommending the fire chief to get in touch with the management of all local factories and other premises essential in war time, in order to eliminate any present hazards and to decide upon the plan the most effective way of dealing with any fire or explosion.

(2) In its tabulation of fire statistics and starting from October 1, 1939, in all future Quarterly Bulletins, the Fire Marshal's Office will break up into causes all fires coming under the various property classifications which include manufacturing plants and factories. It is hoped this further table will be of advantage to insurance inspectors and others in determining more exactly the common causes and so aid in reducing the fire loss in these establishments.

(3) A special bulletin, dealing with the common fire hazards in factories and giving an outline of emergency plant fire protection facilities, is being prepared and will be sent out by the Fire Marshal's Office to Ontario manufacturing plants.

(4) The experienced fire prevention engineers of the Fire Marshal's Office are freely available for consultation by anyone interested in reducing the danger of factory fires.

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Prof. L. J. Rogers, Chemical Analyst for the Ontario Fire Marshal's office will deal with evidence leading to the detection of crime. Officers of the Fire Marshal's office will present talks, demonstrations, motion pictures and slides dealing with fire fighting.

There will also be lectures and demonstrations on methods used in resuscitation and on the value and use of gas masks and smoke helmets.

LESS WAR EXCITEMENT... 12 pt. Montreal Herald.—In many ways this does not resemble a country at war. Friends who have been in New York of late tell us that there is far more "war hysteria" in that neutral city than you can find in Montreal. But that is just their way and ours. We are not a people prone to excitement.

That does not mean a lessening of our determination, once a thing is started, to prosecute it to a finish. So in many ways life goes on as usual. But beneath the surface there is a steady pulsing emotion, a feeling of resolve, of dedication. There is no flag-waving, but this is not a flag-waving war. This is a grim business, and Canada is going about it in a businesslike way. Let us leave the banner-waving and railing to the enemy. We shall save our cheers for the day of victory.

Fires Cost Lives of 118 Children During Past Year

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—Last year the Fire Demon numbered among his victims in Canada 263 men, women and children. In 1937, 105 children lost their lives by fire, while in 1938, 118 children's lives were claimed. This is a staggering admission and the responsibility for such tragedies can in many cases be laid directly to the negligence of parents who far too often leave their helpless little ones alone in the house while they visit neighbours or go to a show. These holocausts frequently occur in rural districts where neighbours are long distances away and the parents are unable to reach their burning home in time to save their children from a horrible death.

Every parent should realize that it is his duty to teach his children the principles of fire prevention. They should not be allowed to play with fire, matches should be kept out of their reach and the playing with celluloid toys should be discouraged. By a strict adherence to the use of common sense, parents can thus save themselves the bitter anguish and life-long regret which must be ever present when a child perishes by their neglect.

Public Vitally Interested in Fire Prevention Week

Loss in Life, as Well as Property Loss Follows Unnecessary Fires.

Mr. W. L. Clairmont, Senior Fire Prevention Engineer, Ottawa, who was one of the guest speakers at the recent joint convention of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association and the Cochran District Firemen's Association, held at Schumacher, points out the very vital interest that the public in general has in fire prevention and fire protection. First of all there is the loss of life—surely a matter of supreme concern to all—following fires the large proportion of which are really unnecessary. The number of children losing their lives in unnecessary fires, is a matter for the deepest regret. Then there is the question of property loss, direct and indirect. To these losses must be added the cost of fire insurance, which naturally is dependent on fire losses. To these losses that are apparent, there are other losses not so direct but equally undesirable.

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Developing Rural Fire-Fighting Facilities

State of Minnesota Making Progress along new Lines

The State of Minnesota under Fire Marshal Frank Yetka and Deputy Fire Marshal Arthur Nordstrom is making great strides in developing fire fighting facilities in the rural areas in that state, with the fire insurance companies, the municipalities and the individual property owners co-operating in the costs and in providing fire-fighting equipment suitable for work in the country districts and the aid to be given by the farmer. In this programme the township and farm mutual fire insurance companies in the state have sent out the following questionnaire which must be completed and returned with each new application for a fire policy or each renewal:—

To help in reducing fire losses, please fill out this card and return.

Distance in miles from nearest Fire Department, located at _____

Have signed up with same for Fire Dept. services — Yes — No — (Check which)

If not will do so at once. Yes—No—

If signed up with Fire Dept. your call will bring prompt service, one-half charge for which the insurance company will pay.

I have ladders available to reach roofs. Yes—No—

I have water supply—cistern or tank—capacity in bbls.—Pressure tank—Yes—No—(Check which)

I have the following Fire Extinguishers:

2½ Gal. Soda Acid (Tip over Type) in working order. Yes—

2½ Gal. Foam (Tip over Type) in working order. No—

Pump Type Extinguisher (hand operated) in working order—Yes—No—

Above types require regular recharging or service work—all of which will be done free by the insurance company upon return of this card when fully filled out by you.

List below any other fire control equipment you have.

My name is _____ P.O. Address _____

Policy No. _____ Amt. of Ins. \$ _____

R.R. No. _____

Incendiary Fires in Hotel Where Fire Chiefs Stayed

Toronto, Oct. 4.—Arson Prosecutions—During the third quarter of this year, the Fire Marshal's Office was successful in over 90% of the criminal prosecutions launched as a result of their investigations, with convictions resulting in the three quarters of the year to date in over 80% of the prosecutions for arson and other allied crimes. In the past quarter one of the longest sentences and one of the shortest sentences in the history of the Fire Marshal's Office were imposed by the Courts in arson charges. The longest sentence resulted when a man was sentenced to twelve years imprisonment by the District Judge, Parry Sound, in July, who found him guilty of arson resulting from the burning of a summer cottage in October, 1938.

In order to cover up any incriminating evidence that he or his companion might have left after they had broken into the building. One of the shortest sentences was imposed by a magistrate at Cobalt who sentenced a man to ten days imprisonment in July after finding the accused guilty of arson following a deliberate attempt on the part of the accused to burn a pile of cord-

wood situated on property opposite his father's hotel and which he felt was detrimental to his father's business. In the magistrate's court, Sault Ste. Marie, in July, one man pleaded guilty to charges of false pretence and another pleaded guilty to arson in charges which arose following a fire which destroyed a log cabin that they had contracted to build but which they knew did not conform to the contract. Both were sentenced to one month's imprisonment. In another interesting case, a juvenile was placed in custody of the Salvation Army by the Juvenile Judge at St. Thomas late in August, after being found guilty of causing several incendiary fires in one of the hotels in which a number of fire chiefs stayed while attending the Dominion Fire Chiefs' Convention, St. Thomas.

In September two teen-age youths were sentenced to two months imprisonment for setting fire to a warehouse in St. Catharines. The boys, when questioned by our officer, admitted setting the fire for excitement.

Make Your Home Safe from Danger of Needless Fire

Follow These Suggestions and "Play Safe."

Put lighted matches and smokes out before you throw them away.

Keep matches where small children cannot reach them.

Never smoke in the garage, barn, or attic, nor in bed.

Remove rubbish, waste papers and all unnecessary combustible materials.

Provide metal ash and trash cans. Burn rubbish only in a safely covered brick or metal incinerator. Watch the fire.

Examine all stoves, furnaces, and smoke-pipes to make sure they are safe and well away from woodwork or other burnable materials. Have needed repairs made at once.

Value the advice of your fire chief who says that many fires are caused by dirty or defective chimneys. Have the chimneys cleaned regularly, and have all defects repaired.

Escape the danger of flammable liquid fires and explosions by keeping no gasoline in the house. Do dry cleaning with safe liquids or send the work to the cleaner. Never start fires with kerosene.

Notify the electric company of electrical trouble and the gas company of gas leaks. Replace "blown" fuses with new ones—not pennies. Avoid home-made wiring jobs. Don't look for gas leaks with a match.

Teach everyone in the family to be careful of fire, to watch stoves, fireplaces, electric irons and all other possible fire causes, and every day to remove old rags, papers and other rubbish.

Fireproof your home as far as possible by fire-safe roofing, fire stopping in hollow walls and partitions to stop the spread of flame, and a non-combustible basement ceiling.

Inquire of your fire chief, when buying a fire extinguisher, to be sure of getting the right kind. Don't hesitate to ask your firemen whenever you have questions on Fire Prevention.

Remember always where the nearest fire alarm box is and how to send an alarm. If telephoning, be sure the address is clearly understood. Use a neighbour's phone rather than one in the burning building.

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Preventing Fires Should be Considered as Truly Patriotic Work Now

Fire is Devastating and Wasteful and Should be Opposed as a Foe to Canada, Especially at a Time When the Conservation of All Resources is So Desirable.

In Canada and the United States the community in which he lives. We owe it to ourselves but in a greater degree to our fellow-citizens to permit no condition to exist upon our premises that will invite a visitation of fire. A great majority of fires are so easy to prevent that it is certainly a moral crime to tolerate the things which bring them about.

Cities and towns, like individuals, reap what they sow. To permit the erection of fire-traps, to fail to provide an abundant and reliable water supply and means of using it or to fail to apply the everyday rules of fire prevention, is to constantly face a menace of heavy fires and sweeping conflagrations.

Why tolerate a condition which not only levies tribute upon life and property but in effect imposes an added cost to the conduct of every feature of business activity and increases the burden of the people in providing the necessities of life.

We cannot afford to go on and be indifferent to it all. Fire Prevention Week is a particular week set aside to call attention to the menace of fire.

And just as we must throw our whole strength against the forces which aim to destroy our liberty, so should we be prepared to battle that other terrible demon—Fire. Are you doing your part?

Save life and property from needless destruction by fire by keeping the principles of fire prevention always in mind and never taking a chance with fire.

Keep the children from fires, and the fires from the children.

Make every week "Fire Prevention Week" in this town and district.



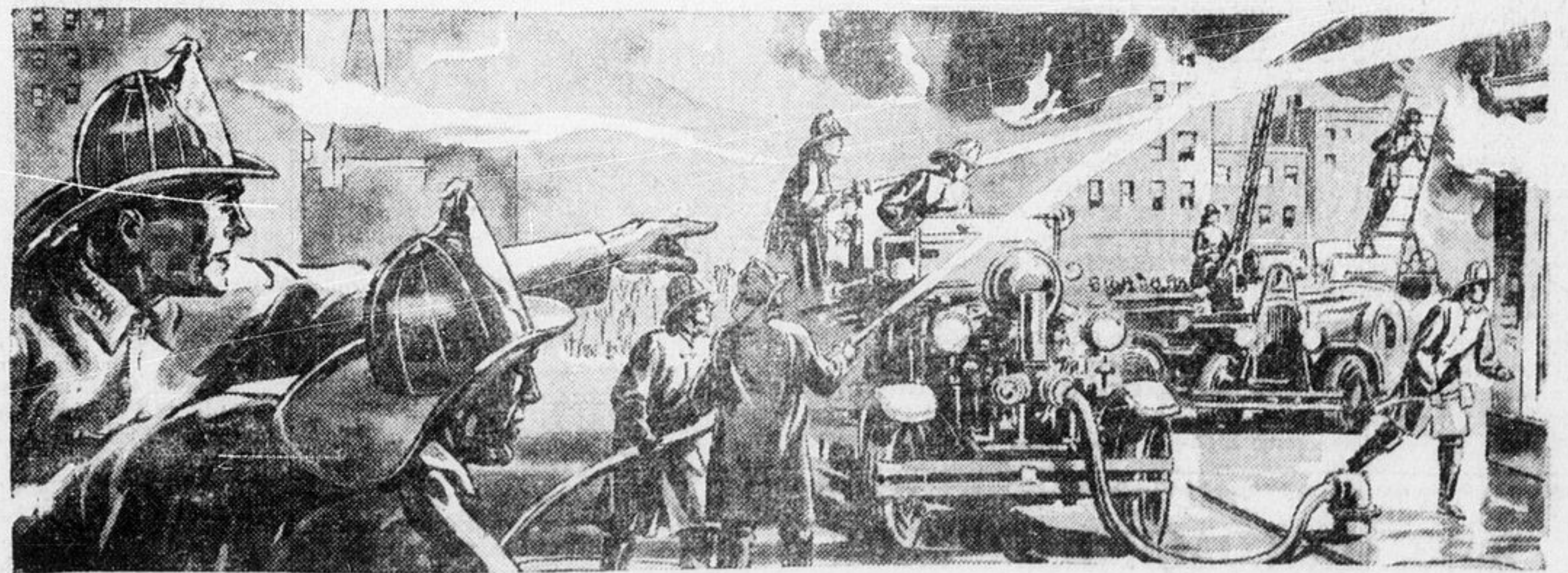
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