Christmas is the most joyful time of the year. Don't HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS turn it into a tragedy. Christmas fires occur because the extra hazards - highly flammable Christmas trees and decorations - are brought into our homes and public buildings. There are also other hazards, which include use of lighted candles and defective electric lights.

A little knowledge of these hazards, and how to prevent tragic fires, will help keep Christmas the merry holiday it should be in all Canadian homes

including those at Terrace Bay.

Few people realize that the ordinary Christmas tree is one of the most flammable objects known. It is filled with pitch and resin. Once ignited, a Christmas tree is very difficult to extinguish. An average size tree takes less than two minutes to burn up. Such a tree can easily start a roaring blaze in your house before the Fire Department could arrive. Many methods of "flame-proofing" Christmas trees have been tested, but few have proved successful.

If decorations are used about the house, do not permit them to be around lights or near places where people may smoke. It is preferable to keep them up near the ceiling or well above the heads of anyone walking in

the room.

Fire has taken the leading toll of children who have been killed each year, of those who are under five years of age. Annually the Fire Departments in the U. S. A. and Canada report loss of life to children. Nearly all of these deaths are the result of some adult carelessness and irresponsibility. Parents should be careful to provide toys that are safe. Chemical sets requiring alcohol, kerosene or gasoline are dangerous. Parents should supervise children playing with electrical toys. A little knowledge of the hazards will help to keep Christmas the merry and joyful time it should be.

Again let's ring Christmas bells, not fire bells this Christmas.

George C. Maitland, Fire Chief.

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MILL SHUTDOWN SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS The mill will shut down at 4:00 p.m. on Fri. Dec. 24th

until 8:00 a.m. Sunday December 26th. Regular bus service will be continued on the 24th until the 5:30 p.m. Schreiber run has been completed, and the schedule will be resumed with the 7:25 a.m. run through the "Townsite Loop" on December 26th. THERE WILL BE NO BUS SERVICE CHRISTMAS DAY.

The shutdown of the mill for the New Year holiday will be from 4:00 p.m. on December 31st to 4:00 p.m. January 1st. Regular bus service will be continued on the 31st until the 5:30 p.m. run to Schreiber has been completed and there will be no further bus service until the 3:25 p.m. run through the "Townsite! Loop" on January 1st.

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Commencing January 1st 1949, the Canadian Pacific NEW EXPRESS OFFICE HOURS Express Office at Terrace Bay will be open only during the following hours: Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Wednesday at 12:00 noon. The office will not be open during evening hours. Pick-up and delivery service will be continued as at present for all townsite residents. For pick-up service call Local 9-2. 0-0-0

THE TERRACE BAY BARBER SHOP WILL CLOSE AT 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening Dec. 24th.