This Week in Fire

By Norm Gladish Fire Prevention Technician

Ontario forests are faced with impending environmental changes that will make forest fire prevention ever more crucial. The greenhouse effect is expected to produce hotter and longer fire seasons. What is this greenhouse effect and how does it effect wildfire?

For an actual greenhouse, plastic or glass allows sunlight to pass through but tends to hold heat in. In this way, a warmer mini-environment is created, so useful to extending the growing season in temperate climates - higher temperatures for longer periods. You experience this effect when getting into a hot vehicle on a sunny

The whole planet is now being subjected to the same process. Air pollution from industrialized countries (notably carbon dioxide), is suspended in the atmosphere, world wide. It acts much the same as the glass in a green house. But higher temperatures for longer periods on a global

scale have wide spread ramifications, many as yet undetected or not fully understood by scientists.

Some unexpected results are; drier and more vulnerable forests, an increase in tree diseases, a massive northward shift of forest species zones and problems for northern forest industries. Forecast average temperature hikes ranging from two to nine degrees centigrade, in the next three to six decades will mean certain fire problems for Ontario's forests.

Lakes, swamps and streams are critical components in fire fighting "Ontario style". Evaporation caused by warmer weather could reduce crucial water levels. The resulting drier forests will more easily ignite. Less water will be available to fight increasing numbers of fires. Often there is a fine line between manageable and unmanageable fires. More hot days certainly will not help the situation.

The climate is already gradually changing and scientists think that the warming trend is partly to

blame for increased forest fire during the past dozen years; 1988 was one of the worst fire seasons on record in Ontario.

Atmospheric carbon dioxide levels are known to be increasing. By 2050, they could be double the concentrations of eighty years ago. Worse, other gases such as methane and nitrous oxide are also accumulation. These gases have much the same greenhouse effect as carbon dioxide, so will shorten the period forecasted to reach the doubling of all greenhouse gases.

Increased forest fires will release yet more carbon which will further add to an already greater greenhouse effect. Therefore, preventing wild fire becomes even more important. Because trees remove carbon from the air, locking it away for hundreds of years, planting trees and preventing forest fires can be your personal contribution to reduced carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. This will lead to a healthier environment for all of

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School Year Calendar for 1990-1991

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Ida and Bob Ray, would like to thank all

their friends - old and new for their kindness

and generosity to us during our visit to cele-

brate the wedding of our grand-daughter and

our Golden Wedding. Special thanks to Ann &

Chris who made it all possible.

School opens officially on Tuesday, September 4th, 1990

The school year is divided into two semesters:

Semester 1 - September 4th 1990 - January 29th, 1991 Semester 11 - January 30th, 1991 - June 27th, 1991

School holidays are as follows:

a) All Saturdays and Sundays

b) Thanksgiving Day - October 8th, 1990

c) Christmas Holidays - December 24th to January 4th inclu-

d) March Break - March 11th to 15th inclusive

e) Good Friday - March 29th, 1991

f) Easter Monday - April 1st, 1991

g) Victoria Day - May 20th, 1991

Professional Activity Days - the following have been designated as Professional Activity Days and there will be NO official instructional classes on these days.

September 28th, 1990 October 26th, 1990 January 28th, 29th, 1991 May 3rd, 1991 June 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 1991

Examinations will be held in all subjects with the exception of typing, art, basic level courses and physical education. All students will write the examinations. There is no exemption policy. Each teacher will inform their students of the percentage the final examination will count towards their final marks. Examinations will be held on:

January 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 1991

June 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1991

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Canadian Pacific Limited intends to apply to the National Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 119 of the Railway Act for exemption from the requirement to submit a plan, profile and book of reference showing the proposed removal of the Station building at Terrace Bay, Ontario at mile 109.9 of its Heron Bay Subdivision

Inquiries with respect to this matter may be addressed to Mr. J. D. Champion, Superintendent, CP Rail, 233 Elgin Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 3N7

Any party having objections to the company's proposal should contact Ms. S. Clement, Secretary, National Transportation Agency, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N9, with a copy forwarded to Mr. H. C. Wendlandt, General Solicitor, Canadian Pacific Limited, Law Department Room 234, Windsor Station, Montreal, Quebec H3C 3E4

J.D. Champion Superintendent C.P. Rail