

## What Did You Do with That Match?

The suffering and loss caused by forest fires are common knowledge and, yet, carelessness with fire in the forest continues. These forest fires are practically all preventable.

## Save Ontario's Forests They're Yours

Every individual who steps inside the woods should remember he is in the midst of highly inflammable property, for the upper layer of ground in the forest consists of partially rotted wood, which will burn. Lack of consideration for this gave rise to the strenuous situation in Ontario the last week of May and the anxiety for days in some settlements.

Thoughtlessness or bad judgment or carelessness cause practically all forest fires. Your co-operation, as a citizen, is needed to prevent these fires by taking the same care in the woods as in your own home.

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## WORKING THE MOWER

Practical Instructions on Runing This Useful Machine.

Give the Cutting Bar and Steel Plate Attention—Keep the Knife Sharp —Go Over the Machine Daily— Patures been Bars Returns From Bees.

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present generations. Fifty years ago the mower was a perfected machine, and the improvements since that date have not been of a revolutionary

Watch the Cutting Bar. This machine is subjected to a number of abuscs, traceable to the carelesaness of the average farm band, lack of attention in oiling, dull ledger plates and knife operated over rough or stony ground. With the knife running close to the soil sur-face, injury from contact with gravel, send and small stones is frequent. tace, injury from contact with gravel, sand and small stones is frequent. The watchfulness of the operator to avoid subjecting the outier bar to in-jury is the best protection when the mower is in use on rough ground. The cutter bar with its numerous guards can be elevated or tilted quickly by an experienced operator and obstructions avoided. The guards should be kept tight and in perfect alignment. Give the Steel Plate Attention. avoid subjecting the outter bar to in-jury is the best protection when the mower is in use on rough ground. The cutter bar with its numerous guards can be elevated or tilted audeky by an experienced operator and obstructions avoided. The guards should be kept tight and in perfect alignment. The small steel plate that is rivet-ed to the guard at the point where

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the knife edge performs the scissor movement should be kept sharp or at least not permitted to wear round. These plates, commonly known as ledger plates, become dull with use, a condition that greatly reduces the efficiency of the mower and increases the draft. A mower with dull or rounded ledger plates will stick in beavy cutting or damp srass. A sharp knife and sharp edged ledger plates means light draft for the team and clean, free cutting of the crop. The Knife Must Be Kept Sharp.

plates means light draft for the team and clean, free cutting of the crop. The Knife Must Be Kept Sharp. Too much attention cannot be given to the cutter bar with its at-ached guards and quick moving knife. If the mover sticks at every mouse nest or tuft of grass, the place to look for the trouble is in the dull knife, the ledger plates, the worn guards, or the keepers that hold the knife down in place. With the new mower it will be noted that there is but little play for the knife other than as intended. In the past too lit-de attention has been given to keep-ing the ledger plates sharp. With these dull, no matter how good the knife is, tough material will be frawn beneath the knife instead of being cut, forcing the blade up skainst the guard causing wear that gives a loose diting shife, poor work gives a loose fitting knife, poor work and greatly increased draft.

changes the shape of the section con-siderably, and in such a way as to reduce its efficiency as a cutting im-plement. The man doing the grind-ing should endeavor to keep the or-isinal shape of the section in so far as possible. Many of the emery grinders used in sharpening mover unites grind away the points of the section to a serious extent without doing very much sharpening. A spe-cially shaped emery or carbornudum stone or file should be used and the work done in the farm shop. A spare knife should always be at hand in the field. Go Over the Machine Dally. Go Over the Machine Daily.

Go Over the Machine Dally. The mower should be gone over carefully twice each day and all bolts tightened. The main bearings should be olied at least once each hour, and the pitman bearings at least every half hour. When the mower is not in use the knife should be removed. The cutter bar should be devated to the vertical position when the ma-chine is not in use. A little heavy mineral oil should be brushed over all parts that are likely to rust. Don't use paint oils. The mower, like the binder, to give its best service, should be given good care.—L. Stevenson, Sec. Dept. of Agriculture.

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