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APPEAL IS MADE TO SAVE FORESTS

Premier Veniot's Address is
Broadcast by Radio—
Care is Stressed.

Premier Veniot's message to the province appealing against useless and avoidable waste by fire, was broadcast by Donald Masse from Station CJCL, at the plant of the Maritime Radio Corporation last night.

In his address, Premier Veniot particularly stressed the necessity for all to exercise care in an effort to save the forest wealth of the province.

The address follows:
"Fire prevention week is being observed this week throughout Canada, the proclamation being issued by the Governor-General of the Dominion of Ottawa, setting aside the period from April 27 to May 3 as Fire Prevention Week, the aim being to awaken public interest in the deplorable losses caused by forest fires so that every means may be put forward to prevent the waste of the country's most valuable natural resources.

"Over three million dollars worth of the Province of New Brunswick's timber wealth was destroyed in forest fires last summer; that in itself should be sufficient reason to arouse a public interest in the observance of Fire Prevention Week in New Brunswick. Protection of the forests from fire is absolutely necessary, and fire prevention is the most important phase of protection, because it means getting at the cause of fires and thus reaching the source of damage.

"There are times of continued dry weather when our forests become highly inflammable. Forest fires when once under way are virtually impossible to stop by any human means, and it is these conflagrations which cause the immense losses of forest wealth. Thus prevention of forest fires—the control or elimination of the various causes—is the only method to stop huge losses during the greater part of the season. Fire prevention is to my mind the most important phase of forest protection, for it is well known that each summer there is fully five times as much timber destroyed in forest fires as is cut in all the timber harvests from ocean to ocean.

Thousands Employed.
"It is hardly necessary for me to emphasize the value and importance of the forest industry in the Province of New Brunswick. It is the second largest industry in the province, ranking next to agriculture; it employs thousands of people all the year, in the woods in the winter and in the mills in the summer. The Province's forests are its chief source of revenue, and the Provincial treasury each year from our Crown Lands. In other words the forests provide the funds for the maintenance of our public services, the schools, bridges, roads, etc., and we must protect these valuable natural resources. The best protection that can possibly be provided is Fire Prevention.

"Statistics show that only about one in every hundred fires is caused by natural forces, chiefly lightning. The rest, and by far the most serious and dangerous, result from carelessness. The Government have taken steps to control slash burning at all times and to prohibit it during what is regarded as the danger period. Last year it was found necessary to restrict forest travel and to cause all persons entering the forests to register and take out certificates of registration; to the inauguration of that system and the hearty co-operation of the people we credit the entire absence of serious fires last year in the central and southern portions of the province. As a matter of fact there was not one serious forest fire last year, except the Miramichi River; these districts where there had annually been large numbers of fires escaped, but the virgin forests in the northern counties suffered seriously, although our losses were not so extensive as in the neighboring Province of Quebec.

"The educational campaign which is being carried out during the week which has been set aside as Fire Prevention Week is certain to have far-reaching effects. It has my hearty endorsement, and it is with pleasure that I urge the active co-operation and support of the people of the Province of New Brunswick."

The season of forest fires with their danger and destruction has about rolled around again.
Last summer 264 forest fires occurred in New Brunswick. The fire wardens were able to extinguish 208 of these in their early stages. But the remaining 56 destroyed vast areas of forests, homes, saw mills, camps, railway stations and wood products in the course of manufacture. The total damage was over three million dollars to Crown Lands and half a million dollars to private property.

Schools Are Helping.
This week Fire Prevention Week is being observed through Canada and the attention of everybody is thus being turned to save the forests. A programme specially prepared by the Junior Red Cross has been so planned as to take up one phase of the subject each day from Monday to Thursday with a review and summing up on Friday. The active co-operation of the school teachers is thus being secured and is expected to prove an important factor in influencing not only the children, but through the children the adult population.

New Brunswick's forest area comprises 15,000,000 acres, of which about one half is crown lands. The total value of the forest products of New Brunswick amounts each year to over \$25,000,000. There are 1,100 logging camps giving employment to about 19,000 men; there are 285 saw mills, 1 paper mill, 3 pulp mills, 113 portable saw mills and 35 finishing mills, which give employment to 10,000 men. More than \$5,000,000 is distributed in wages each year through the lumber industry in New Brunswick. These figures show that this province has a real interest in such a movement as Fire Prevention Week.

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WARNS RADIO FANS OF INTERFERENCE

Inspector Says South End
Listeners-in Are Chief
Cause of Trouble

A warning regarding unnecessary interference by listeners in at radiotelephone concerns through the indiscriminate use of reaction by those who employ valve or vacuum tube receivers, was issued last night by A. Lee Atkinson, radio inspector for New Brunswick.

The interference complained of is chiefly in the south end of the city. Mr. Atkinson's statement follows:
"It is realized that a large number of listeners who use valve receivers are unaware of the annoyance they are causing others in this regard.

"For the information and guidance of those using receivers of this type, attention is drawn to Regulation No. 91, issued under the Radiotelegraph Act which says:

"Receiving stations when using a receiver of the regenerative type or the reception of organized radiotelephone programmes must avoid increasing regeneration to the point at which the receiver begins to oscillate."

"It is not difficult to detect when reaction has been carried too far, as when a valve commences to oscillate the received speech is broken up and is unintelligible.

"It is anticipated, that in view of the ever increasing number of valve receivers now in use, if this form of interference should continue to mar the pleasure of radiotelephone listeners, the Radiotelegraph Department may have to consider seriously the matter of restricting the type of reaction circuit used to such a form as will ensure against the aerial circuit being energized through self-oscillation of the receiver."

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NAVY VOLUNTEERS TOLD HOW TO ROW

Local Reservists Learn to
Pull an Oar at Lily
Lake

The St. John Company of the R. C. N. V. R. marched from its headquarters in Charlotte street last night to Lily Lake where Joseph Tebo very kindly gave the free use of his boats and seven crews of the sailors put in

strenuous work in receiving instruction in the art of pulling an oar. Mr. Tebo has offered the free use of the boats to the company at all times, and his generosity is much appreciated.

As part of the R. C. V. N. R. equipment the St. John company will shortly

receive two whalers, boats that measure 27 feet, that are believed to have acquired the name of whalers because they are too bulky to sink. When the whalers arrive the company will take week-end trips up the St. John River when rowing practice and

naval drill will be combined with pleasure excursions.
Plans for the week-end trips are already well under way.

Landlords of Paris are limited by law in rent charges.

Swiss watch makers can split a hair into 500 strips and measure the thickness, so exact are their tools.

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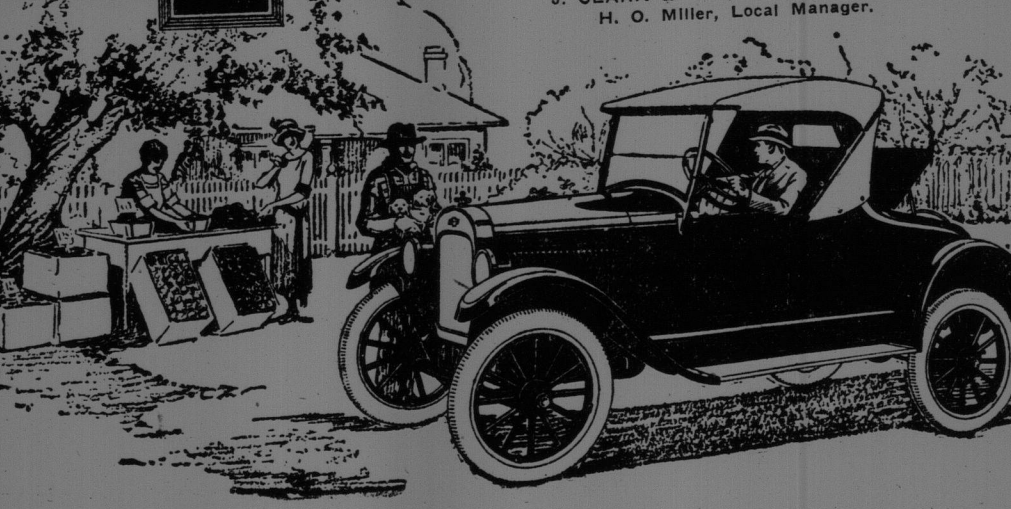
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