Today's fires biggest threat to B.C.'s forests of tomorrow

VICTORIA —"Forests are our greatest asset," said Hon. R. G. Williston, B.C.'s minister of lands, forests and water resources, in a statement heralding Canadian Forestry Association's Forest Conservation Week to be celebrated this year from Sunday to next Thursday.

Forests give us wood, which, like air and water, is indispensable to human life.

They give us wealth. They give employment to 72,000 British Columbians who harvest trees and manufacture wood products. They are responsible for more than one-third of the total value of all ourcomodity-producing industries and account, directly and indirectly, for half of every dollar in our pockets.

They conserve our precious soil and water, sustain our wildlife and provide the essential background to the beauty for which our land is famous.

To try to make sure that we always have our forests, we expend great sums each year. We place strict limits on the amount of wood that can be harvested. We experiment to speed growth. We plant 10 or 12 million seedlings a year with a deep faith that a hundred years from now they will be our sustenance. We practice sustained yield management and intensive forestry as well as man can.

But all the sustained yield in the world won't provide future generations with forests if meanwhile, we let too many burn down.

HEAVY TOLL

Every year, on average, there are 1,822 fires on our domains. Every year, again on average, the taxpayers spend $5,000,000 on fire prevention and fighting and despite this the average damage figure is $3,000,000.

Thirty-five per cent of the fires are caused by lightning and 65 per cent by man — because he is either careless, at best, or criminally negligent at worst.

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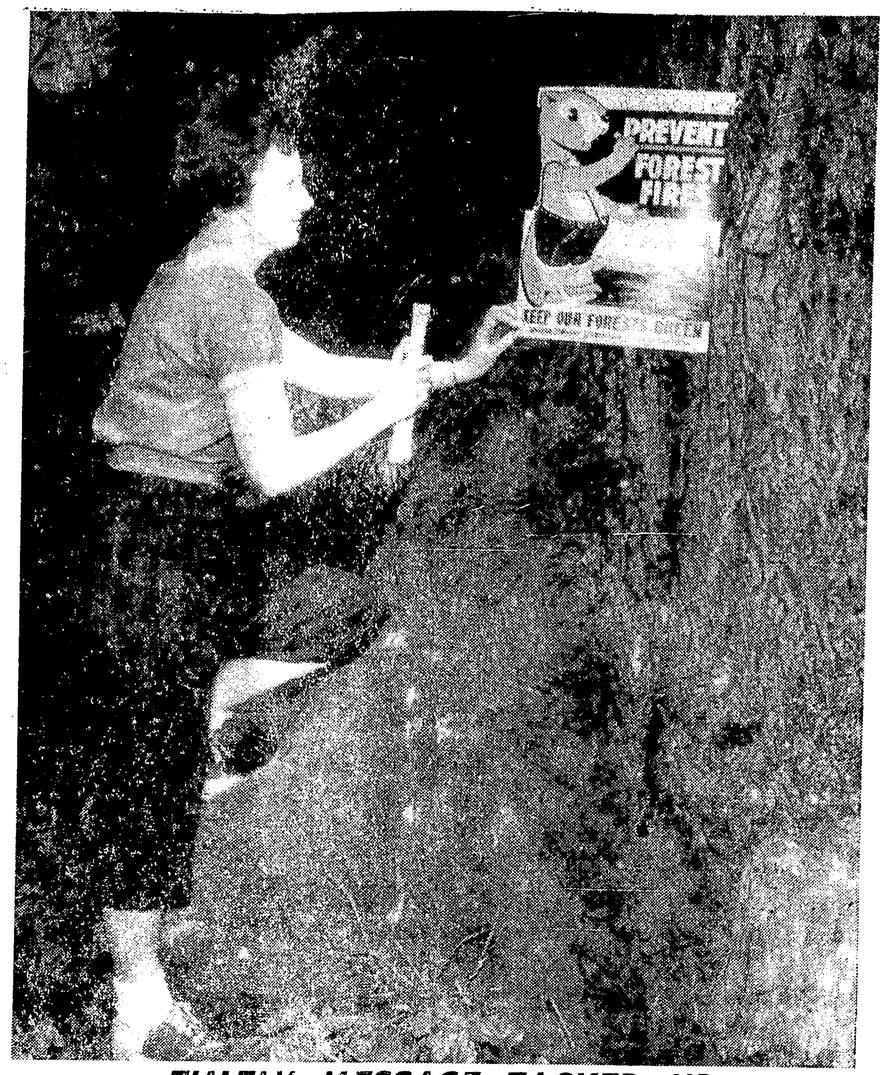

TIMELY MESSAGE TACKED UP

"Prevent Forest Fires" is a message that can't be repeated too often in British Columbia's rich timberlands, and the Canadian Forestry Association uses colorful posters as a constant reminder to travellers that they have a responsibility for protecting the woods. This sign is being posted at a campsite to remind British Columbians and visitors to help preserve forest resources.

Guarding forests needs public help

The forest fire season in British Columbia officially started at the beginning of this month, and already there have been scores of fires throughout the five forests districts.

The B.C. Forest Service maintains an extensive forest production system which has all its members on the alert against the destructive elements affecting the forests.

The Service ensures prompt action against fire and calls into play men and equipment on land, water and in the air.

But even the most elaborate forest protection program requires public co-operation to be successful, officials of the Service point out. That's why they urge everyone to be especially careful against starting fires. One big forest fire alone can cost tens of thousands of dollars to fight, besides the heavy loss it takes in timber and wildlife.

PLAN HOOPLA

VANCOUVER (P — A committee is already hard at work planning the hoopla that will go with the Grey Cup parade and Miss Grey Cup contest for the big game here November 30. It has $5,000 to spend and intends to ask the Canadian Football League for part of the additional $12,000 it says it will need

B.C. FOREST WEALTH TOPS

Within her boundaries the province of British Columbia contains a total commercial forest area of 18 million acres carrying an estimated 1,836 billion board feet of sound wood volume in trees 10 inches in diameter or over.

This is approximately one million acres and 372 billion board feet more than the combined holdings of the eight Rocky Mountain States, western South Dakota, Washington, Oregon and California.

Forest Act sets definite rules for campfires

Canadian Forestry Association today warned citizens that nothing can be taken for granted in the forest.

Announcing Forest Conservation Week, Sunday to next Thursday, the Association pointed out that conditions can change fast and you can't take chances, particularly where fire is concerned.

Woods that seem moist may actually be dry enough for fire to spread in an amazingly short time. The heat of a fire creates more heat — a chain reaction starts that can have devastating consequences.

Here are the requirements of the Forest Act of B.C. with respect to campfires:

(a) Campfires must not be set out on lands where notices are posted prohibiting the setting out of such fires.

(b) It is illegal to build any campfire within 10 feet of any log, stump, snag or standing tree.

(c) Clear all inflamable material away for a distance of three feet in every direction from the edge of every campfire.

(d) Every campfire must be totally extinguished before one leaves it.

Water will put out fire. Use plenty of it. Use a shovel to turn the fire inside out to be sure every ember is soaked. Cover the fire with gravel or earth. Tramp on it. When you are sure the fire is out, pour several more buckets of water over its remnants.

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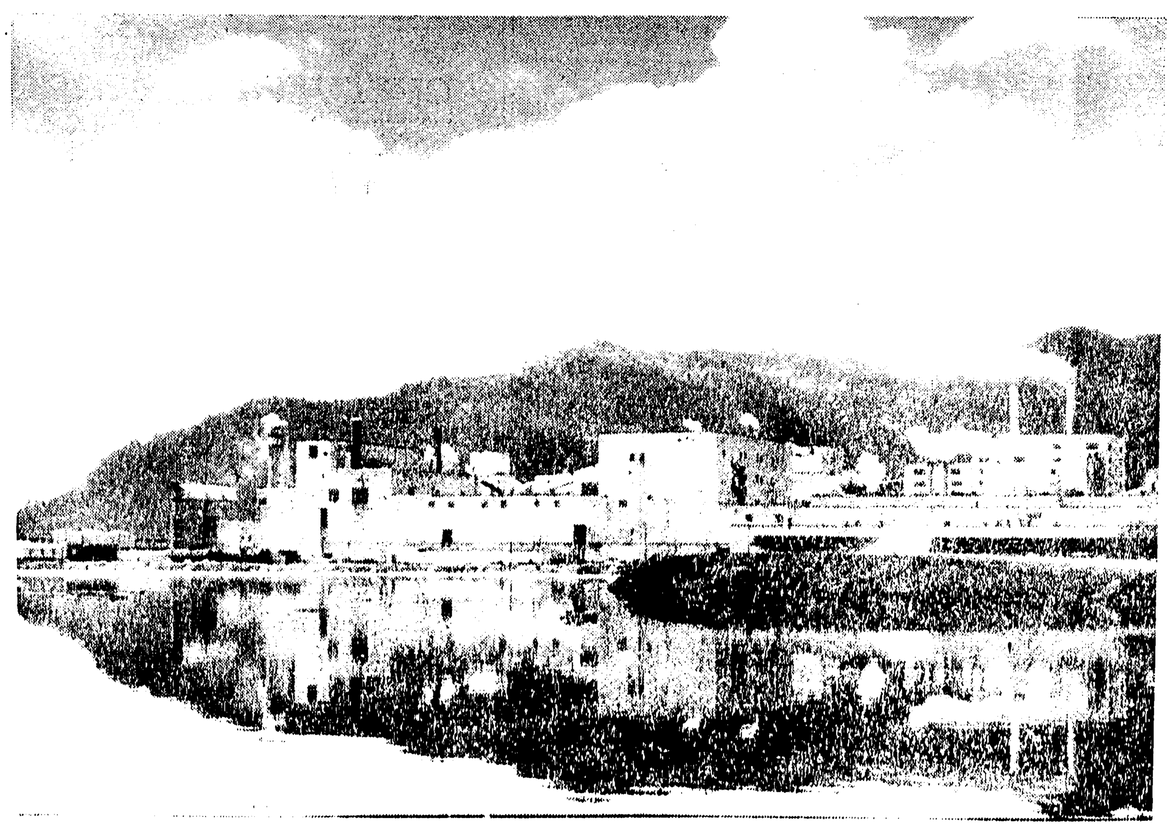

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PROTECT OUR FOREST WEALTH!

The conservation of our forests means the preservation of the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of Canadians. It means the conservation of our wild life, the existence of our lakes and rivers and hundreds of the things that contribute to our enjoyment and relaxation. We all have a part to play in protecting our forests.

Forest fires are a relentless enemy, which can be effectively subdued only if our leaders, teachers, professional foresters and literally everyone in Canada is convinced that forest fires can be brought under control. Forest Conservation Week — May 12th to May 18th serves to remind us that forest fires are mainly the products of man's own carelessness, thwarted by man's own vigilance.

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