

**AERIAL LADDER IS ADDED TO EQUIPMENT**

# Fire department advances in new firefighting methods

The year 1961 was marked by major accomplishments and improvements in the city fire department, although many of these went unnoticed by the general public of Charlottetown. Major advances of the department during the year included a reduction in fire loss, a reduction in the number of

alarms turned in, the saving of lives, the learning of new methods and techniques and high attendance of firemen at every fire. The improvements included the purchase of new and vital equipment and the constant maintenance and replacement of older equipment.

Seven calls to fires outside the city were answered during the year, in keeping with the good neighbour policy of the

department. A new system has been introduced however, in which Parkdale and Sherwood fire departments answer many of the out-of-town calls with Charlottetown covering for these communities when their machines are away.

**SAVE LIVES**  
On more than one occasion during the year firemen were called upon to use their knowledge and equipment to save human lives. Most notable case was a fire during the early hours of Dec. 3, when firemen rescued and gave first aid to four fire victims. Two of the people recovered, one died two days after the fire due to the severity of her injuries and one child failed to respond to the efforts of firemen to aid her.

During the year, firemen took special courses in first aid and rescue and plans are afoot for further and more diversified courses.

Training was also carried out in the use of new firefighting and lifesaving equipment and this is to be continued in the spring.

A ceaseless program of fire inspection was carried out by the fire prevention bureau, with impressive results showing a reduced fire loss.

jobs, often during the night and during extremely cold weather to protect the city from fire.

**AERIAL LADDER**  
A major development in fire fighting methods came to the department during the year in the form of the new 100 foot aerial ladder truck. This machine will permit firemen to reach the top of the highest building in Charlottetown for facilitate rescue operations and the fighting of fire inside a building. It also provides a method of getting large quantities of water into previously inaccessible places and at the same time keeping firemen from the danger of falling materials.

A hose dryer was ordered during the year. This machine will dry great quantities of hose in a short time, giving the minimum of unserviceable hose. This dryer was received early this year.

In addition, a constant program of maintenance of replacement was carried out through the year, ensuring that all equipment, large and small, was perpetually in top working condition.

The two biggest problems facing the department in the immediate future are the lack of sufficient water supply in some sections of the city and lack of space in the fire station. The first has been looked into by the water commission and improvements are to be forthcoming.



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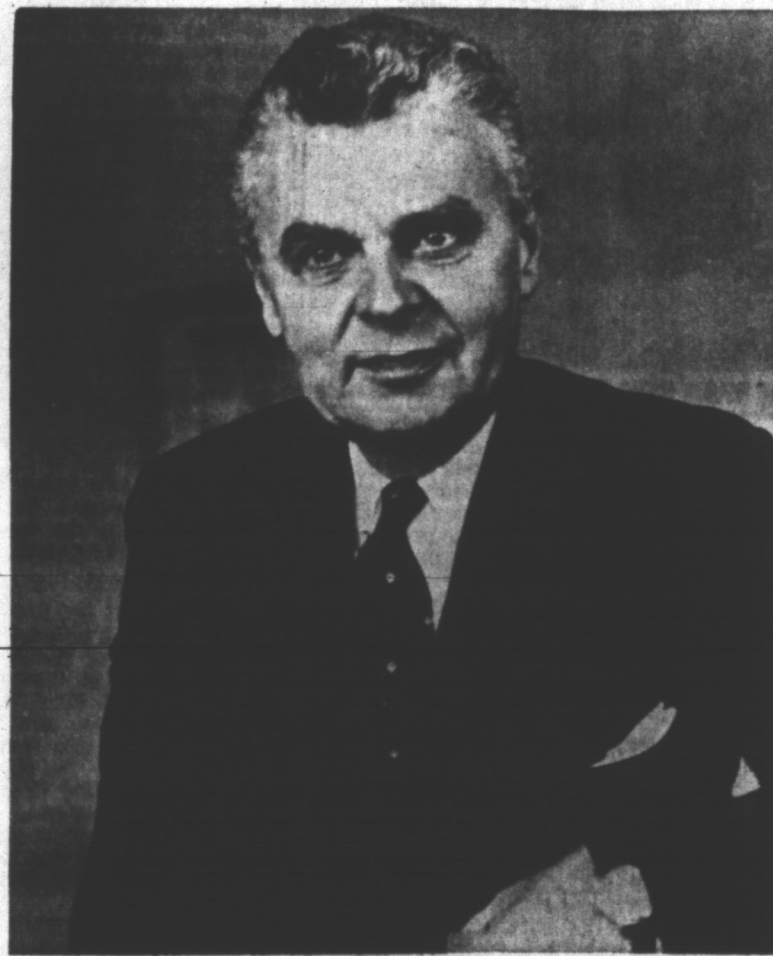
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