

## EFFECTIVE CITIZEN CO-OPERATION

WHAT IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS SHOULD  
BE EACH BODY'S BUSINESS

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As a fire fighting machine the Fire Department did magnificent work at the Woodbine Hotel Fire last night.

**YET**

2 men perished in the fire

3 men are missing

4 men were injured

and the property loss was \$150,000

How many other public buildings—meaning theatres, moving picture shows, halls, colleges, hospitals, asylums, hotels, churches, schools—are there in Toronto where similar fatalities might occur?

### WHO KNOWS?

## AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE

A vigorous campaign of fire prevention should be begun at once. To do this citizen co-operation is necessary and a campaign of education must be inaugurated as a first step.

**WHY NOT CREATE  
A FIRE PREVENTION  
COMMISSION  
--AT ONCE?**

# FIRE PREVENTION FACTS LEAD TO FIRE PREVENTION ACTS

Six Toronto theatres were inspected on November 11th and 12th, 1913. Three of these were found in a condition dangerous to human life. None conformed to By-Law No. 6401. The Mayor received a report of this inspection on November 20th. A re-inspection showed that in the three most dangerous buildings many changes, to conform with By-Law No. 6401, had been made at considerable expense.

## RECORD OF INSPECTIONS OF ONE THEATRE

Civic Survey Inspection.	Result as shown by second visit	Civic Survey Inspection	Result as shown by Second Visit
1 No firemen employed	Unchanged	14 Guardrails and stairways from balcony and gallery wooden	Unchanged
2 No sprinkler in house	Unchanged	15 Exits from gallery not shown on program	Unchanged
3 No hooks, fire axes, water casks	Corrected	16 No firefighting apparatus in gallery	Corrected
4 No standpipe having outside connection, with Siamese nozzle	Unchanged	17 The stage of wood—inadequate firefighting apparatus	New Hose installed
5 No fire alarm connected with city service	Corrected	18 Only one door of fire-proof construction on stage and it with no sign	Unchanged
6 No fire gong in theatre	Unchanged	19 15 dressing-rooms in 2 non-fireproof adjacent buildings with no sufficient exit and no safety appliances	Unchanged
7 Two exits obstructed	Obstructions partially removed	20 No gas jets at head and foot of stairs	Being installed
8 Two exits shown on plan not useable	Unavailable exits not shown on plan	21 Only a buzzer connecting stage with box office	Telephone installed
9 Some doors were not equipped with automatic push bolts	Unchanged	22 No fire drills nor printed instructions for employees	Unchanged
10 Exit signs not in conformity with the law	Partially corrected	23 Dangerous exit from fly gallery	Unchanged
11 Two exits without sign or light	Unchanged		
12 No doors in balcony have two leaves	Unchanged		
13 Only exit from balcony leads to roof from which no means of escape was provided	Means of escape provided (at a heavy cost)		

One inspection, by unofficial inspectors, simply by a presentation of the facts remedied 27 out of a total of 75 defects found in three theatres.

Persistent presentation of the facts will insure adequate protection for the lives of all theatregoers.