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the song Phil Penney would soon make about Beckett. Beckett could hear the sounds of construction of the gallows. The Sydney Post noted: "As a result of criticism heaped upon county authorities last year, the scaffold this year will be entirely boarded in, thus disappointing those who contemplate getting a silhouette view of the proceedings, such as occurred at the Anderson (Sloan) execution last May, when high-powered lights at the entrance of the tarpaulin-covered scaffold offered to spectators on the outside a complete view.... "During his last hours on earth Beckett appeared in the best of spirits and exhibited an affable demeanour, chatting with his guards, and relished heartily the meals served him during the day. "When summoned by the hangman about 12:30 o'clock, he was deep in prayer and meditation, kneeling by the side of his spiritual advisor, Rev, Fred Friggins.... He arose quickly, shook hands with one of his guards, Provincial Constable George Dingwall, saying as he did, 'Goodbye, George.' (They were) his final words. (The hangman) shackled the prisoner, and with shoulders erect and head held high, Beckett made a rather striking figure, having been neatly dressed in a suit of dark navy blue, black oxfords, while the shirt he wore was wide open at the neck. "At the foot of the gallows... Beckett smiled slightly to Sergeant Freddie Lewis of the Glace Bay police force, who was standing near the landing, nodding recognition, and then walked over to the gallows platform and stood directly beneath the dangling noose, and faced his audience. "The handcuffs were unlocked, and without any preliminaries executioner (Arthur) Rioux set about to strap Beckett's legs. **Fire!** The number of forest fires in Cape Breton is increasing. Last year between April and October, 72 were reported. Fortunately, fast action by Lands and Forests crews and volunteer firefighters put them out before they did much damage. Because even a small brush fire can get out of control and ignite nearby trees in seconds, early detection is essential. **WHERE TO REACH US** If you see a fire in or near the woods, contact your local If there is no answer, **VICTORIA COUNTY** Lands & Forests Provincial Building *Baddeck < Lands & Forests Baddeck Depot *Shore Road Sub-Rangers George Cheverie Baddeck R. MacDonald Washabuck Douglas W. Jackson Ingonish Jack MacDonald Tarbot Allister N. MacInnis North Shore John A. Curtis Bay St. Lawrence *for Industrial Permits 295-2554 or 295-2771 295-2300 295-2177 622-2441 285-2502 929-2781 929-2347 383-2293 **INVERNESS COUNTY** Lands & Forests Office Whycomagh Office Margaree Sub-Rangers Martin Burns Margaree Harbour Clovis Chaisson Grand Etang Andrew Timmons Pleasant Bay Kenny MacInnis Orangedale Martin Cameron Margaree Forks Harold MacDonald Mabou Harbour 756-2339 or 756-2298 248-2029 235-2235 224-2695 224-2075 756-2370 248-2455 945-2683 Lands and Forests office or Sub-Ranger immediately, call Zenith 40000. **RICHMOND COUNTY** Lands & Forests Provincial Building *St. Peters Sub-Rangers Glen Diggdon West Arichat Thomas Matthews Grand Anse Roger MacLeod Grand River Dan Norman MacLeod Stirling Donald MacLeod Loch Lomond Charles Cavanagh Martinique *for Permits Prior to 5 p.m. 535-2032 226-2278 345-2944 587-2871



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on land within a wood, forest or forest area, or within one thousand feet of same
without such a permit between April 1st and October 15th in the counties of
Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Digby, and Annapolis' and in all other counties
between April 15th and October 15th. Failure to comply may result in a fine of up to
\$200. Burning Permits are available from all locations listed above. See * for
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