



SUMMER 1982

Sorry for the delay in getting this issue to you. It is the first issue that Linda Jacobsen and I have produced and with all first issues there are the inevitable delays and problems. We hope the next issue will be out in better time.

I hope that all of you will see fit to share items that would be of interest to your fellow P.H.I.'s. Articles from newspapers and magazines should be summarized and typed double spaced. They should be short - not more than a standard size sheet. We would also like any interesting cartoons or fillers.

Please excuse the spelling errors and other mistakes - we did this issue in a hurry! The next ones will be better.

We look forward to hearing your ideas and comments.

Len Hebert

GOOD MEDICINE

Joe was having trouble getting up in the morning so his doctor prescribed some pills. Joe took them, slept well, and was awake before he heard the alarm. He took his time getting to the office, strolled in and said to the boss: "I didn't have a bit of trouble getting up this morning."

"That's fine," replied the boss, "but where were you yesterday?"

NOTES

Congratulations and welcome to Ron deBurger, who has joined the Health Ministry as Associate Deputy Minister, Preventative Services. Mr. deBurger was recently at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, and was National President of the Institute for several years.



Len Hiebert is off on special leave until mid-July; Dave Anderson started in Nelson on May 17 to fill-in.

Georgelea Hendry of Victoria is leaving the Provincial Health ministry for family duties.

Jill Campbell (Wegeriff) of Port Hardy has resigned. It is rumored that Diane Thompson is being considered for the Port Hardy position.

Inderjeet Gill began work in Osoyoos in March; he spends four weeks there, and two in Nelson.

Recently noted in a BCGEU publication, the following co-workers who have put in 25 years of continuous service:

Dudley Agassiz
Harry Kirk
Doug Roe

Congratulations, gentlemen !!

Health Agencies with 100% 1982 Membership as of May 15/82:

South Central Health Unit
West Kootenay Health Unit
Simon Fraser Health Unit (New Westminster)
White Spot Ltd. (Quality Assurance)

Low Temp. Dishwashers

The following low-temperature dishwashers have been approved for use by the Equipment Committee of the Lower Mainland Chief Public Health Inspectors Committee:

Hobart	WMES2 WMPES2 AMES 12 AMES 12C (Corner Model)
American Dish Service	IV
Dynamic Dishmachine	1L 1C
Stero	Conveyor SC20-1A SC20-2A SC-2-8-C5 SC-2-9-C5 SC-6-8-C5 SC-1-6-8-C5
Ken-Mark	Mark 4 Mark 4C
Moyer Diebel	MDM 500 MDM 1000
Energy Mizer	(Now is Diversey Wyandotte L.E.D.) A, B & C
Kert L.T.D.	10 20 30
Challenger Glasswashing Mach.	1500 (Formerly Genie Glasswashing Mach.) 1000
Champion	FW-60 FW-120 CHEM-180
Auto-Chlor	D2 A4 A5

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The Institute at the WCB ————— by Rex Eaton

Would it surprise you to know that many B.C. Branch members no longer work as Public Health Inspectors? Members with CPHI(C)'s are involved in a wide variety of occupations, from transportation planning and sewage consulting to factory and occupational health inspection. One of the largest Institute contingents outside of public health are seven inspectors in the Industrial Hygiene Department of the Workers' Compensation Board.

Industrial hygiene inspectors enforce health standards related to over 700 chemicals contained in some 500 pages of regulations. In addition, they deal to varying degrees with occupational noise, lighting and radiation. It is a demanding job that requires technical expertise with a wide variety of test equipment, including sound level meters, pumps, dosimeters, filters, adsorption tubes, impingers and electronic direct reading equipment. Also, the inspector must be knowledgeable about the entire range of industrial processes in B.C., from the local autobody shop to the complexes at Cominco and Alcan.

Although a Bachelor of Science degree is now a pre-requisite, training as Public Health Inspectors is helpful in work with the Board. Techniques of inspection, the abilities to think on your feet and to establish rapport with a wide variety of people are as essential in occupational as in public health. Much of the work in the two fields is inter-related. Public health converges on industrial hygiene through the enforcement of the Industrial Camps Regulations. Occupational health work can be effective in controlling hazards to workers at food premises and swimming pools and can have consequences for community health when applied to larger industrial sites.

Along with similarities, there are some differences between present public and occupational health work. The majority of industrial hygiene work deals with chemical and acoustic health hazards. This contrasts with the traditional public health focus on biological hazards.

The Public Health Inspector will often inspect alone or only in the presence of the facility operator, while it is an established practice in the Board for its inspectors to tour the facility in the presence of both management and worker representatives. And unlike public health, it is common for industrial hygiene inspections to take a day or more, especially where air sampling is involved.

At this point eight past and present members of the Institute work in Industrial Hygiene at the Board:

Steve Brown, a noise specialist with the Board, had worked previously as a Public Health Inspector, general supervisor and noise specialist at the Vancouver Health Department. Steve is on the National Executive of the Institute.

Ed Bruns has been with the Board since 1974. A pharmacist by training, Ed took the Environmental Health program at B.C.I.T.. Ed now co-ordinates inspection work in both North Vancouver and Coquitlam, and specializes in the industrial hygiene hazards of tunnelling.

Ron Dennis, a past member of the Institute, worked at the Vancouver Health Department prior to joining the Board. After a stint as supervisor, Ron is now Operations Manager for the Industrial Hygiene Department.

Rex Eaton joined the Board last year after working at the Vancouver Health Department as a researcher and health planner. Rex took public health field training in South Okanagan and Central Fraser Valley, and is now a Councillor with the B.C. chapter.

Ken Sterling has a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Diploma in Environmental Health from B.C.I.T., and works as a noise specialist with the Board. Ken became involved in noise studies while a Public Health Inspector Trainee in Prince Rupert.

Pat Taylor joined the Board two years ago after getting a B.Sc. in biochemistry and a Diploma in Environmental Health (B.C.I.T.). Pat's work experience ranges from research in biochemistry and ocean studies to steel fitting.

Don Ward joined the Board at the same time as Pat. Don has a Bachelor's Degree and Diploma in Environmental Health (B.C.I.T.). He took his public health training at the Central Vancouver Island Health Unit.

Gordon Wedman, the most recent certified Public Health Inspector to join the Board, has worked as a Factory Inspector since graduating from B.C.I.T. in 1979. Gordon received his Bachelor's Degree in biochemistry from SFU in 1975.

LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE re LAND USE ACT

The Legislative Review Committee is in the process of reviewing the proposed Land Use Act, to determine its Public Health implications. Input from the field is urged and welcomed. Send us your comments or questions regarding the Land Use Act before July 31, 1982 to

Rex Eaton, Chairman
Legislative Review Committee
7014 - 188th Street,
Surrey, B.C. V3S 5M1

OBITUARY

Chuck Watkiss died last May of a heart attack. Chuck was the Chief Public Health Inspector for Richmond and had been an employee of Richmond for 12 years. Before this he had worked briefly for the Vancouver Health Department. Chuck was a graduate of Ryerson and before entering the health field, had worked in a funeral parlour in Alberta.

Leo Leavy, one of Vancouver's well-known Leavy twins, died in January at the age of 58. He had suffered a heart attack. Standing 6-foot-10 and weighing more than 300 pounds, Mr. Leavy and his brother Jack were billed as the world's largest identical twins. They appeared together in comedy routines and game shows and were active members of local acting companies. Mr. Leavy, a government meat inspector, and his brother, a former Richmond health inspector, were co-presidents of Tip Toppers, a club for men over 6-foot-2 and women over 5-foot-10, during the 1950's. Jack Leavy, a stroke victim who had been cared for by his brother, was admitted to Burnaby General Hospital after Leo's death, and as we understand it, is still there. Jack worked in the Richmond Health Department for many years.

FURTHER NOTES...

An Omnibus Bill has been tabled in the legislature that includes an amendment to Section (5)11 of the Health Act. When this is passed the USERS FEE SYSTEM will probably be put into effect.

TO: MEMBERS, CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Dear Members:

In response to a request for the Institute's position on the subject of fluoridation in public water supply, we are soliciting your response to the said query.

Response may be recorded by simply indicating yes or no in the column below. As the response is urgently required, your early reply will be appreciated.

_____ YES, I am in favor of fluoridation

_____ NO, I am not in favor of fluoridation

Please return to: Mr. A. Guthrie
c/o City of Vancouver Health Department
3/F, 828 West 8th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C.
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Thanks for your attention.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

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1982 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Don't forget the 1982 conference being held in Victoria this fall. (Sept. 13 - 17) The conference will be offering a "Theme a Day", and will cover a wide variety of topics. Should be a worthwhile event! For more information contact:

Promotions and Publicity
1982 National Educational Conference
330 Moss Street
Victoria, B.C. V8V 4M8

Attendance at this conference may be partially subsidized (on an "equitable basis"), but funding is limited. Interested participants should contact Andy Hindley, Director, Public Health Inspection no later than July 15, 1982.