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FIRE PROTECTION HISTORY-PART 100: 1915 (FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTION)

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As was the custom, a series of resolutions addressing fire safety were adopted at the nineteenth Annual Meeting of the National Fire Protection Association held in May 1915. The following are two of the resolutions dealing with fire prevention inspections by local government:

"Resolutions Annual Meeting, 1915.

The National Fire Protection Association, assembled in New York City for its nineteenth annual meeting, advocates the following measures in its warfare against the needless sacrifice of human lives and property by fire: –

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(5) The consolidation of all legal forces so as to provide for the systematic inspection of all buildings by local firemen, and technically trained building and factory inspectors so as to insure the vigorous enforcement of rules for cleanliness, good housekeeping, and the maintenance of safe and unobstructed exits, fire-fighting apparatus aud other protective devices.

(6) The especial safeguarding of schools, theatres, factories and all other places in which numbers of people congregate or are employed.

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In the furtherance of these objects we appeal for the co-operation of all citizens. We ask them to help in the dissemination of our valuable literature and in the use of the standards of fire protection so carefully worked out by our committees to the end that the lives and substance of our people shall not continue to be dissipated by a reckless and easily preventable waste.

Mr. Phillips : Mr. President, I move the adoption of the resolutions.

(The motion was adopted.)

Once again, the NFPA adopts resolutions advocating the inspection of existing buildings to verify that building fire safety features are being properly maintained.

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