

firefighters battling the blaze.

The fire which started just before 9:30 A.M., January 17, fanned by strong northwest winds, soon transformed the plant into a furnace and resisted all efforts of firefighters to subdue it in time to save the building. Difficulty of access to the burning building hampered firefighting efforts, for there was no way of approaching the structure from the south side and heavy smoke prevented access from the east side, while the narrow walkway at the west side gave little working room, leaving only the north side from which to make any appreciable attack upon the blaze.

Anthony E. Silva, president of the corporation, has reported that he has been allowed the use of the facilities of Seafood Packers, Inc., on MacMillan Wharf for unloading draggers which formerly unloaded at Monument Dock.

The Rescue Squad took fireman Paul Santos to Dr. Hiebert's office for treatment of an injury to his arm caused by a blow from a hose nozzle with several hundred pounds of water pressure behind it.

Calls offering assistance came in from the Truro Air Base, from Eastham and from Boston. The Provincetown Fire Department wishes to express its appreciation to all who helped or offered to help in the emergency.

The Fire Department reported three more fires on the same day; two still alarms for short circuits in utility poles which disrupted electric service in some parts of town and a fire in a truck at Nelson's Farm.



January 17, 1962 - Universalist Church, right. St. Peter's to its left.  
Peaked roof is the Gifford Houses and the pitched in background  
is the new Methodist Church on Shank Painter Road. The  
Colonial Cold Storage Wharf left of Sklaroff's