

FOUR DRIVEN OUT INTO NIGHT WHEN FIRE RAZES HOMES

East Kildonan Firemen, Handicapped by Lack of Water, Unable to Save Structures

Four persons had a narrow escape from being burned to death early Monday morning, when fire, fanned by a strong wind, swept through two dwellings at 621 and 623 Consul avenue, East Kildonan, at 4.30 o'clock.

Shortly after the flames broke out as a result of overheated stove pipes in the kitchen at 621, both houses, with most of the contents, were razed to the ground.

Handicapped by the dwellings being located outside the water district, East Kildonan firemen were unable to do anything to save the structure. They formed a volunteer bucket brigade, however, and confined their efforts to saving the numerous other houses, which were threatened with destruction as the wind-swept flames reached them.

Both houses are a total loss, the damage being set at \$4,000, covered by insurance.

First to notice the fire was Mrs. Jessie Siwak, occupant of 621, who was awakened by the crackle of flames at 4.30 a.m. Leaping out of bed she aroused the only other occupant, John Hadlow, a lodger, and summoned the fire-fighters.

Together, the pair rushed next door to 623, occupied by Mrs. Albina Plasecki and her daughter, and were just in time to assist them to escape in scanty attire before the flames also enveloped their little home.

Upon the arrival of firemen, both dwellings were a mass of flames, and the occupants had time to save only a few of the contents.

A strong wind blowing at the time fanned the roaring flames in the direction of adjoining dwellings, but these were saved by a bucket brigade organized by the firemen.

Both Mrs. Siwak and Mrs. Plasecki are widows.

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