

# \$500,000 Damage In Fire At East Kildonan Factory

A fire fought Sunday by units from Winnipeg and East Kildonan caused an estimated \$500,000 damage to the new Wilson Auto Electric Building at 600 Golspie Street in East Kildonan. Cause of the fire is unknown but firefighters said the blaze

appeared to have started in the storeroom of the building, and spread fairly rapidly to the rest of the one-storey brick structure.

The fire was first noticed about 7 a.m. by a nearby resident who telephoned the East Kildonan police station. Two units from the East Kildonan fire department attended and were soon joined by two units from the Winnipeg fire department.

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# Labor Executive Criticizes Report

Commenting on the Tritschler report on the Brandon strike of 1960, Kalmen Kaplansky, a director of the Canadian Labor Congress, said in Winnipeg Saturday it did not reflect the true picture of organized labor's work.

The only part of the building to escape the flames was the records office, and company manager Fred T. Lewicki said it was likely the plant could resume operation by the end of the month.

The plant employs 70 persons. The amount of damage covered by insurance wasn't immediately known.

The fire destroyed a quantity of valuable generator rewinding equipment as well as a number of specialized electrical machines.

The 20-below weather froze hose lines and turned the firemen into walking icicles before the fire was brought under control.

Firemen succeeded in controlling the blaze about 9 a.m., but dense smoke continued to hamper salvage operations for some time after that.