



A nice foggy day. - December 1939
 Rush's Fish Market, right. Provincetown Theatre next. The tower: The Central House.



The Colonial Cold Storage, opposite the Ben Lancy House - About 1900

Work Is Started On Razing Storage December 1943

All Metal Work And Piping
 Being Torn Out For Junk

Although no contract for the razing of the Colonial Cold Storage building has yet been let, according to Atlantic Coast Fisheries manager, Frank Rowe this morning, junk men are at work throughout the large plant with oxygen cutters tearing out the extensive piping system and are carting it away for transfer to the yawning furnaces of war plants.

Many thousands of feet of the piping used in circulating the brine through the freezer will come out

and yesterday workmen were throwing out the wooden "flakes" to enable them to get at the metal work. The entire building, including the engine room on the Commercial Street side will be cleared of all machinery and metal, a great part of which will be junked. William G. Cunningham, plant dismantler, of Woburn is in charge of this phase of the work.

Difficulty is being experienced in finding a contractor to tackle the job of razing the five-story freezer section which is to be removed. The one-story engine room structure in the front will remain, as will the adjoining office of the Atlantic Coast Fisheries.

Yesterday C. L. Guyman, a vice president of the company, was here supervising operations.

Well, as Steve, over at the Colonial Cold Storage said, "There aint nothing much we can do about it." 1947

Incidentally, that same storage freezer, once one of the bulkiest buildings in town, has been sheared down to one story which is being roofed over and will be used for storage and garage for cars and equipment of the Atlantic Fisheries.

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One of the larger building along Commercial Street, the remainder of the once much larger Colonial Cold Storage, just west of the movie theatre, is for sale, with Sivert J. Benson's poster in the window. Included is the present office of the Atlantic Fisheries, owners of the property. The main building is quite a massive affair and rearing above it is a lofty brick smoke stack which, if it is to be removed, must be taken down piecemeal. According to available information the owners will retain the long Colonial wharf in the rear with right of way to it.

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Last of Provincetown's lofty smoke-stacks of which there once were many, poking their belching mouths over the low-lying Cape End, giving proof of busy industry below, will soon be removed, and Clarence Curley will be able to sleep without nightmares of bricks falling on him. Yesterday, M. F. "Pat" Patrick, owner of the remains of what was once the Colonial Cold Storage, completed arrangements with the Robert F. Hayden outfit of Santuit to demolish the great brick stack. It wont be possible to "throw" the chimney by the ingenious method of knocking out a section of the base and then burning away timbers, because of the buildings all around. It will have to be removed by men working on the inside and "Pat" says that the lofty structure will be gone in a week or ten days. Clarence Curley's bedroom is within a few yards of the base of the stack and predicted hurricanes never mean a thing to him except finally being exhumed from a monster pile of old and sooty bricks.