



The Building at the end of Sklaroff's Wharf burning. (Also known as Monument Dock)

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Sklaroff and Son, and had been owned by the Monument Fish Company, Inc., for several years. This firm was formed about seven years ago and took over the wharf, building and business from Cape Cod Fisheries, Inc.

Mr. Silva said that possibly as many as 16 men will be out of work because of the fire. Contents of the building included machinery used to hoist fish from the vessels which sold their catches through the company. Mr. Silva said the company served 15 fishing vessels and last year millions of pounds of fish were bought and sold and shipped to markets all over the country.

The firm also suffered loss two years ago in the blizzard of March, 1960 when a building located a few feet north of the present structure and which had been used for the processing of whiting, was blown into the harbor.

Town Assistance Looms In Provincetown Dock Fire

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PROVINCETOWN — The gaunt ruins of a huge fish shed, destroyed by fire Wednesday on Monument Dock, dominates the waterfront — to the local fishermen another symbol of the uncertain fortune of their industry.

Destruction of the \$75,000 unloading shed owned by the Monument Fish Co., Inc., may prompt town action to relieve possible hardship, when selectmen meet Monday night. In winter a minimum of 10 fishing draggers depend on the facilities of the Company, which purchases their haul.

The number is higher in summer. Following the fire Wednesday, the draggers crowded nearby MacMillan Wharf to use the shed and equipment of Seafood Packers, Inc., which had granted emergency use of its facilities to Monument Fish Co.

Seafood Packers leases from the town the large building on MacMillan Wharf which houses its unloading equipment.

Docking space is already at a premium, however, on MacMillan Wharf, which must accommodate the rest of the dragger fleet, plus Coast Guard craft and fishing vessels from other ports which put in here during storms.

Anthony E. Silva, president of Monument Fish Co., will call a directors' meeting, he has announced, to discuss provision of unloading facilities for the draggers which sell fish to his company.

Schools of destructive dogfish, killing tons of food fish, have harried the local dragger fleet throughout the fall and cut down their harvest. In winter, high winds and storms further handicap the fishermen.