



FIRE IN DAWSON THREATENS FOOD SUPPLY AND SCORCHES SIGNALS STATION

In the early hours of Monday morning, December 10th, the RC Signals station at Dawson City, Yukon Territory (above right) was seriously threatened by a fire which completely burned out the Northern Commercial Company's store. The flames scorched one side of the station building and garage, and melted the 26-pair cable from the remote transmitter site. Until a cable splicer arrived from Edmonton to replace 250 feet of damaged cable, the station was operated from the transmitter building (above left) which is a mile-and-a-half out of town.

The valiant efforts of firemen, whose engine is shown at the left below, kept the station from joining in the blaze. As the Northern Commercial store was the principal source of food for the community (lower right) the population was put on rations by Commissioner Fraser until more food could be trucked in.

The RC Signals station was built in 1945 on the site of a similar fire which, in 1940, burned the Yukonia Hotel and the M&N Saloon to the ground.

