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AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR PEARSON IN A WRITTEN QUESTION
NUMBER 18-44, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TABLED:

I. STORM DAMAGE TO FROBISHER BAY

A. The Adult Education Centre lost a 90 foot section of the roof and two of the three furnaces lost chimneys. The building had to be closed down and all systems were drained immediately after the storm. Strong winds hampered the repair work. However, on February 5, it was reported that this Adult Education Centre was back in operation.

B. 2,500 square feet of roofing was blown off the south-east corner of the Federal Building Garage exposing the deck. Several vents on this roof were also blown off.

The new roof of the residential section of the Federal Building sustained damage on the south-east corner where the wind stripped off the gravel cover and blew off some of the insulation. Two large vents serving the kitchen and gymnasium were also blown off.

Temporary repair to the above building is in progress.

C. Civil service houses and low rental houses sustained damage to the roofs and the chimneys, some of which were blown off. Repair is in progress.

D. The new Vocational School now under construction lost 4,000 square feet of its roof seal and insulation. The roof deck is now exposed. The damage has been inspected by the contractor and repairs to the roof will be done as soon as possible.

E. In the high rise apartment building windows in 8 apartments were blown in. Partition walls inside these apartments buckled under the wind pressure and some walls were moved

3 inches, damaging the adjacent apartments. Kitchen cupboards suspended between walls and the column lost their support and dropped. The elevator motor room on top of the apartment building was stripped. The walls and the roof of this room were blown away putting the elevators out of commission.

Repairs have been made to the apartments and this work is still in progress. Four of the tenants who had to vacate their suites, have returned to them. Frobisher Development Company is taking action to make the damage good.

F. The Anglican Mission building was blown about 50 feet off its pad and lost part of the roof. Canon Whitbread was out of town and has now returned to Frobisher. Repairs on this building will soon be taken up.

As of Friday, February 5 the Regional Engineer reports that generally speaking Frobisher Bay is back to normal.

II. STORM DAMAGE PANGNIRTUNG

The storm started at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, 28 January 1971, and lasted 12 hours. The damage sustained is listed below:

A. Six low rental houses were totally destroyed by the storm. One 3 bedroom low rental house which was still in a crate was blown away and is lost.

Five 3 bedroom low rental houses were partially moved off their pads and except for this they are undamaged.

B. One civil service sub-basement type 453 suffered interior damage to the walls and ceiling.

Other houses of this type suffered no damage, as last year anchor systems were installed.

C. The roof of the old school was loosened and the gable wall has had to be propped.

D. The warehouse and garage suffered damage to the roof and overhead doors.

There is a hole through the roof of the old powerhouse. The exhaust ducts for 3 generators blew off the roof of the powerhouse.

Four metal power poles were broken and 2,000 feet of powerline over five spans were down. One 75 KVA transformer was damaged by flying debris. A new transformer has been ordered to replace the same.

E. Several hundred windows have been broken in the school and hospital.

There was considerable damage to the roof of the school and hospital.

Many buildings lost their chimneys and electrical service masts.

F. Due to the loss of heat, Hostel No. 6 froze up. The community freezer was damaged.

G. Telephone lines were also blown down.

H. The door to the Co-op was blown open and many carvings have been lost or damaged.

III. ACTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN TO FEBRUARY 5, 1971

A. A large number of people, 200 in number including those who were homeless were immediately lodged in the school.

Since then those who are homeless are now living with other people.

The Housing Association are now meeting to consider re-allocation of units to meet the greatest needs. The Department of Local

Government have approached the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for one hundred and five thousand for the construction of the seven housing units which were destroyed and for the replacement of the furnishings.

As an immediate measure the Regional Administrator and his staff are looking into the possibility of procuring insulated tents from DEW line sites.

A five man relief crew left Frobisher Bay early on Saturday afternoon January 30, 1971, for Pangnirtung. They will remain there as long as it is necessary for them to be there.

Materials for the repair work were flown in to the settlement.

B. The damaged power poles have been replaced and all the houses are on power.

C. A freezer mechanic was sent in to attend to the community freezer.

The situation generally speaking is under control and repairs to the damages sustained are in progress.