

# Smokehouse goes up in flames

*Second Bay Roberts business  
lost to fire in past three weeks*

Atlantic Treasure Seafoods in Bay Roberts was destroyed by fire in the early morning hours of Thursday, Jan. 13 — the second business the town has lost in the past three weeks.

Bay Roberts Fire Chief Clarence Russell said his department was called to the scene of the fire at the plywood-

built fish plant on Water Street at about 5 a.m.

The crew had to evacuate occupants of two nearby homes, saving a two-storey house.

Meanwhile, with temperatures at about minus 11 fire fighters ran into problems with equipment freezing up.

"We had trouble with the breathing apparatuses," the chief explained.

Spaniard's Bay volunteer fire department was also called to the scene.

"They left six men for back-up, with four sets of their breathing apparatuses. We had a propane heater in the van which we used to keep them from freezing up and we'd switch them around," said Chief

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# Fire guts fish plant

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Russell.

Fire fighters fought the blaze that gutted the plant, for about two hours.

Up to 15 people are employed at the 25-year-old facility used to smoke herring, mackerel, capelin and salmon.

Up until *Compass* editorial deadline, the cause of the fire was still being investigated.

Insurance was carried and Fire Chief Russell could not estimate the cost of damages.

On Dec. 30, 2004 Andrews Wholesale on Hope Avenue was completely levelled in a blaze that erupted in that building and continued until the early morning hours of New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

Undaunted by their losses, both business owners plan to rebuild and be back to full capacity as soon as possible.