

# CENTRAL BUILDING (NSU) FIRE

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Here is a good example of how the climate of Aberdeen affects how people work. When it is cold outside, firemen have trouble fighting fires because their hoses and other equipment freeze up. The night this fire happened it was about 6 degrees above zero, and also very windy. The firemen's fire coats became wet and soon were covered with ice. The ground was covered with about six inches of slush from all the water the men were shooting on the building. After several hours, the fire hoses froze into that slush making it impossible to move them around. Fighting this fire was very hard for the firemen because of the weather that night.