

PAINT SHOP IN B. C. HIT BY FIRE

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Fire, believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, destroyed a large quantity of paint stored in the paint shop of the Boulder dam power houses early last evening and caused the layoff of a number of workmen because of lack of supplies.

The shop, located temporarily between the powerhouse wall and the cliff on the Arizona side, was swept by flames thruout and in addition to the big stock of paint, the work clothing of the painters was also destroyed.

According to workmen going on shift this morning, the dense smoke generated by the burning paint permeated the entire powerhouse structure leaving a thick deposit of soot covering many of the floors. Even the highly polished rails of the visitors' galleries bore traces of the black sediment deposited by the heavy smoke.

An official investigation is being conducted by bureau of reclamation officials into the cause of the fire and it is expected that additional details will be forthcoming when the formal report is made.