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\$100,000 FIRE LOSS AT PLANT

re, causing estimated damage of \$100,000, crippled Brownsville's main industry, the Deller Tile Plant, early Thursday.

The alarm was given just after 3 a.m. by the night fireman on duty, and by that time the production room was well ablaze.

Though cause had not

been definitely determined, it was thought that the fire started near a flue from one of the baking kilns.

Joe Sharpe, manager of the plant, and also fire chief of the Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department, said that rebuilding will start immediately. He

said it would be some time before it could be established how much of the machinery could be salvaged.

Tillsonburg Fire Department assisted the local brigade after a mutual aid call was placed, and helped to keep the plant from being completely destroyed.

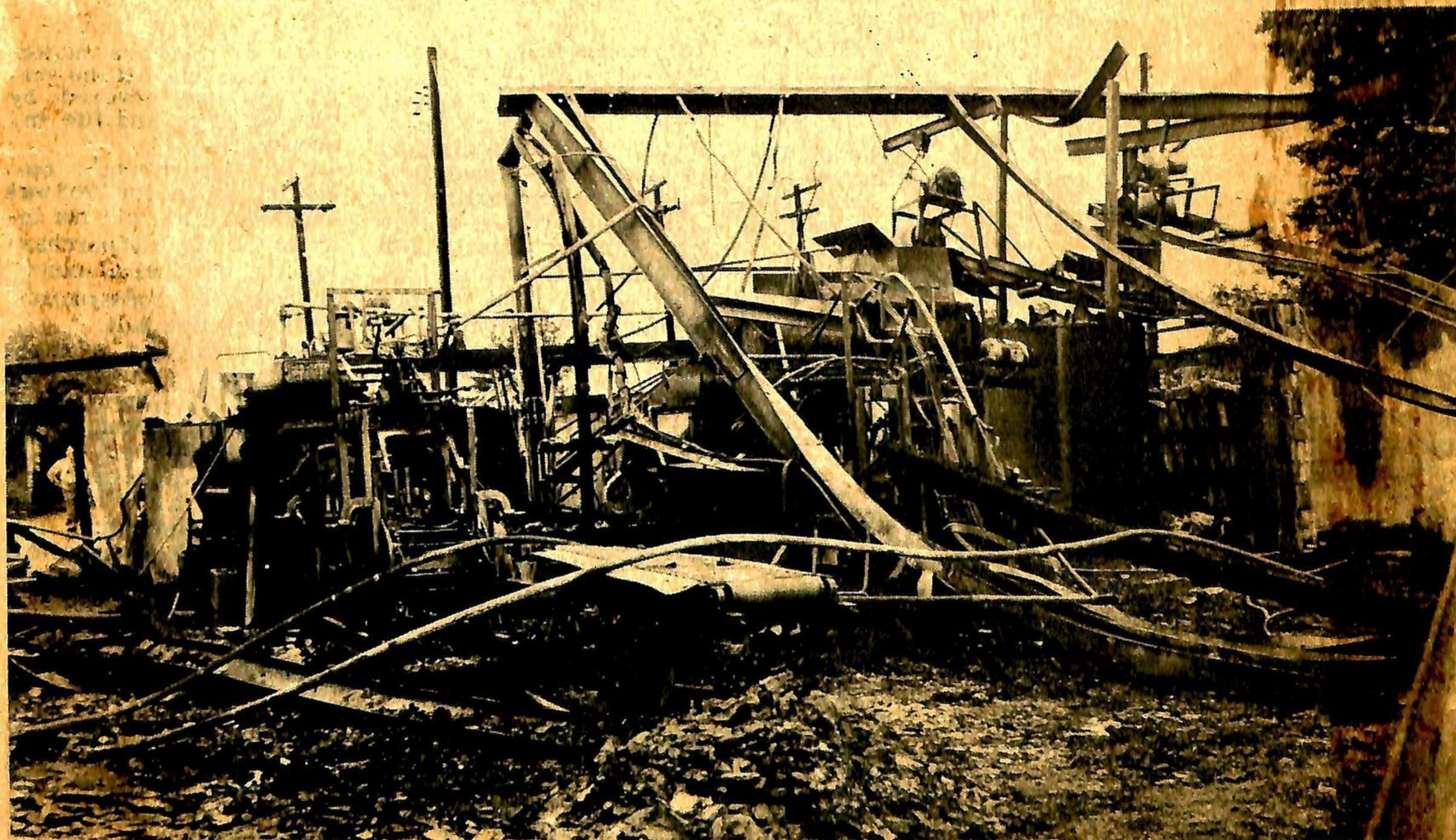
Firemen were aided by an ample water supply, drawn from a large pond at the rear of the property, across the street.

The concrete tile plant, across the street, west of the clay tile plant, was not damaged, and as soon as new hydro lines are connected, it will be back in

production.

Production room of the Deller plant was completely changed over earlier this year, with a more efficient layout and a considerable amount of new machinery.

The plant is one of the largest producers of clay drainage tile in Ontario.



Twisted steel beams and ruined machinery is all that was left after a major fire at the Brownsville plant of Dellers Tiles, which broke out at about 3 a.m. Thursday. Main damage was in the production room, but the drying room, along with stock waiting to be cured, also received heavy damage. Though amount of loss has not been definitely assessed, it is expected to reach about \$100,000.