

# CYCLONE HAVOC RECALLED



## *Norman Hall retires as provincial electrical inspector*

A man who once walked into the lobby of the legislative building and found it four feet deep in government records has retired from his position in charge of electrical inspection in the Regina district.

He is Norman A. Hall, who retired on Oct. 13 from his job in the electrical inspection branch of the labor department.

Mr. Hall's starting experience in the legislative building lobby occurred in 1912 after the cyclone of that year and two years after Mr. Hall had arrived in Regina from Manchester, England.

He had been doing electrical

installation work on the virtually completed legislative building.

Regina's now-famous cyclone struck and, during its destructive trip across Regina, whirled right into the lobby of the building.

In addition to blowing out all the partitions in the structure, it sucked papers from filing cabinets into the lobby, leaving a chaos of government files and other paperwork.

Mr. Hall's job after the cyclone was to do all over again the electrical work he had just completed.

His career in Regina included about four years with the public works department during the First World War. Later he joined

Sun Electric and, still later, Willis and Hall Co. and then Hall and Cameron Electric.

Mr. Hall sold his interest in the latter firm at the beginning of the Second World War and went to work for the electrical inspection branch in late 1940.

Now 66, Mr. Hall married Gertrude Garnet of Lancashire in 1913. They have three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall will holiday in Florida for some six months before returning to Regina to live.

Mr. Hall is a member of St. Paul's pro-Cathedral, the Assiniboia Masonic lodge No. 49, G.R.S., and the Royal Society of St. George.