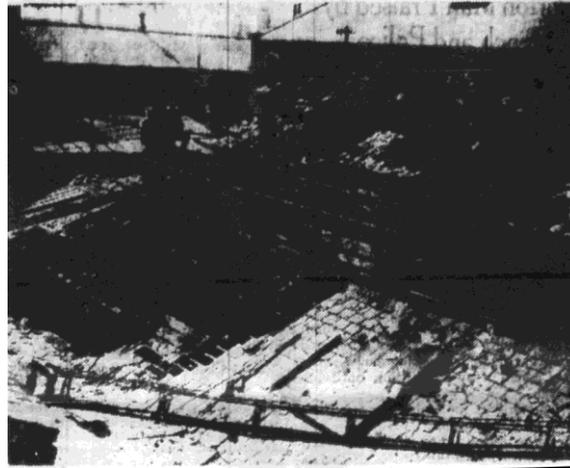


Sheffield Building Gutted during Men's Annual Holiday



Although the Sheffield Fire Brigade under Superintendent T. Breaks battled with flames for over two hours at the works of Messrs Spear and Jackson Ltd., Saville Street, Sheffield, a large workshop was gutted by fire in the early hours of this morning.

About 1 a.m., the caretaker discovered the fire whilst on his rounds, in the brazing and grinding shop. He immediately summoned the Brigade which quickly arrived with three machines.

By this time the whole of the shop was fiercely burning and flames were shooting through the roof.

Roof Comes Down

The brigade had not been there many minutes when the whole of the roof collapsed. Burning embers showered in all directions.

It took the Brigade nearly an hour to get the flames under control, and when the fire was eventually extinguished the blackened shell of the building alone remained.

Fortunately it was only a one-storey building.

Mr D. J. Hagie, a director of the firm in an interview with a "Star" reporter, said that he estimated the damage between £400 and £500.

Men on Holiday

"Until next Tuesday employees are having their annual holiday and the shop was being overhauled by engineers" he said. "There was nobody in the shop when the fire broke out.

“Unless contractors can put a new roof over our heads before next Tuesday work will be impossible.

“The damage to the machines is not very great but the belts are burned, beams of the room have been made uncertain and the electrical circuit has been broken.”