

## Blaze destroys offices & workmen sent home

THOUSANDS of pounds worth of damage was caused by Fire which gutted the main administrative block and drawing office of Mellows and Co., Ltd., metal window frame makers, of Corporation Street, Sheffield, today.

Eight hours after the blaze firemen were still damping down smouldering beams.

Two firemen were injured.



THIS was the scene today at the works block of Mellows and Co. Ltd., Corporation Street, Sheffield: Firemen play water on the smouldering remains of the gutted building.

### Firemen Hurt

Leading Fireman Colin Ryalls, of Hollinsend Road, injured his ankle and was treated at Sheffield Royal Hospital, while Fireman Donald Johnson, aged 32, of Cromwell Street, was treated at the Royal Infirmary for a cut hand.

Director and secretary of the firm, Grout Capt. Reginald Caley told The Star that the site was not yet accessible, owing to the dangerous condition of the building.

"It is going to cause us inconvenience, as all our records have gone, but apart from that I cannot give an opinion yet."

### Emergency Steps

Some workmen, he said, had been sent home this morning

Group Capt Caley said it was hoped to take some emergency steps so that some production could begin shortly.

It was hoped to re-employ everyone as soon as possible. Members of the clerical staff were mostly involved and the firm was hoping to make 'arrangements to re-house them.

This-afternoon, Fire Prevention officers were still investigating gating the cause of the blaze.

## Eight Engines

Some workers turned on their heels and went home on seeing the extent or the damage.

It is expected that the debris will soon be cleared. Production will not be greatly affected.

At the height of the fire about 40 firemen from Sheffield and Rotherham and eight machines were in action.

They had the blaze under - control in 11/2 hours.

The Brigade received the first call from the works fire alarm system at 1:58 a.m. and at 2:13 a.m. Rotherham Fire Brigade sent two machines.

*Exclusive: The Sheffield Telegraph was the only morning paper to headline the factory blaze of Mellows and Co., Ltd., this morning.*