

Fire in Bridge St

A fire occurred in Bridge Street on Tuesday evening, by which the premises occupied by the executors of the late Mr. John Harrison, iron and steel cutter, were considerably damaged.

It appears that the premises, with other property adjoining, belong to the Sheffield Forge and Rolling Mills Company (Limited). Mr Henry Lee lives in a small house near, and about ten minutes past seven last night, he noticed an unusual glare in the scrap shed adjoining Mr. Harrison's premises. Going outside he found the place was on fire, and he at once telephoned for the Fire Brigade. They were quickly on the spot and by the time they had arrived the flames had got hold of all three stories of which the building is composed. Sergeant Crawford and the other members of the brigade with the assistance of Sergeant Higgins and Police-constable Bailey directed their efforts principally at the onset to prevent the spread of the fire to the adjoining property. In this they were successful, and with a good supply of water they had, in less than an hour got the fire well under control. All was out before nine o'clock. The first and second stories of the damaged building were used for scrap cutting, while in the top story were numerous patterns. Most of these have been damaged or destroyed, and considerable injury has also been done to the machinery on the premises. The floors of the first and second stories were also much damaged, while the roof was burnt in several places, though not seriously. The premises are insured in the office of the Alliance Company, but whether Mr. Harrison's property is insured is not known. The business has been carried on by the son of the late Mr. Harrison since the death of the latter, for the executors, and that gentleman had not left the premises much more than half-an-hour when the fire broke out. At that time all appeared to be safe. The amount of the damage has not yet been ascertained.