

£7,000 Fire Havoc 5,000 People .See City Warehouse Blaze

Damage estimated at between £7,000 and £10,000 caused by a fire which occurred last night at the premises of Messrs. Carter and Smith, wholesale grocers, Bridge Street, Sheffield.

Mr. H. J. Snowden, a director of the firm, told a "Star" reporter, to-day that he was of the opinion that the blaze was due to a fuse between two floors, and that the flames shot upwards. He paid a tribute to the wonderful work of the Fire Brigade, and said it was due to their efforts that the books and documents of the firm and much other property were saved.

Business will be carried on as usual by the firm on Monday, and the staff will be working this weekend. None of the 70 to 80 employees engaged by the firm will be thrown out of employment.

Within an hour from receiving the call the Fire Brigade (which had a turned out with four engines) had extinguished the blaze. Fireman Booth was struck on the face by a piece of flying timber, but was not seriously hurt.

Two women caretakers, named Higginbottom made a hurried exit, taking with them three canaries. They looked for a cat, which was afterwards found on the roof. Another cat which had its quarters in the warehouse, was found burned to death in a cellar.

A crowd, at one period estimated at 5 000, watched the activities of the brigade.