

Works Fire in Sheffield Brigade-Fight Fumes as Well as smoke Two Floors Gutted.

Smoke and heavy fumes proved great obstacles to members of the Sheffield Fire brigade, which, under Supt. T. Breaks, was called to a fire at the works of Messrs. Harold Moore and Sons, Ltd., Bailey Lane, early to-day.

Dense smoke was issuing from the windows of the premises, which stand, in the centre of a block of buildings. Within the works over £1,000 worth of raw Material for making knife handles, was destroyed.

Two floors of the building were completely gutted, causing more than 60 persons to be temporarily thrown out of work, and 80 new windows were shattered by the intense heat.

When the, Sheffield Fire Brigade arrived the first difficulty with which it was confronted was in locating the seat of the outbreak.

Outbreak Extinguished

Once entry was gained into the building, the blaze was quickly extinguished. When interviewed by a "Star" reporter to-day, Mr. Moore said that the material used for knife handles was non-inflammable, but when heated it gave off, a gas which was extremely easy to ignite.

The cause of the outbreak is not known, nor has the total amount of the damage been estimated.