

DESTRUCTION OF A MILL BY FIRE NEAR DEWSBURY.

(From our Correspondent.)

About half-past eleven o'clock on Monday night, a manufactory known by the name of Wells' Mill, Sunnybank, Mirfield, was observed to be on fire. The alarm raised brought assistance, and various means were adopted with a view of saving the fabric, but in a short time the roof fell in with a loud crash, completely gutting the interior. Fortunately the engine house was rescued. The building, which is one storey high and 46 yards long, was stored with a considerable quantity of machinery and woollen material, all of which has been transformed into a heap of débris. The fire is supposed to have originated by the overheating of a woolleying machine. We regret to state that Mr. J. C. Walker will sustain a heavy loss, the whole of the property consumed or irreparably injured being uninsured. The police who were in attendance report the loss at between £4,000 and £5,000, but it is believed that £3,000 will be nearer the mark. The hands did not leave off work until nine o'clock on the same evening.