

FIRE AT A BATTYEFORD MANUFACTORY.—At a very early hour yesterday a fire occurred at Sands Mill, Battye ford, Mirfield, the extensive works of Messrs. Hy. Walker and Sons, woollen manufacturers. It broke out in the drying room, part of a two-storied building in which were the tentering, finishing, dyeing, and storing departments, and a great number of cotton warps were destroyed, and also a quantity of astrachan and sealskin pieces. Damage was done to the engine and to one of the steam boilers by falling material, but the main building was not reached by the flames, nor did it suffer much by other means. This was owing to the excellent supply of water obtained from the mains of the Huddersfield Corporation, and the active exertions of Messrs. Wheatley's and Messrs. Simpson's brigades, and of many other persons who had been attracted to the scene. The damage, estimated at about £2,000, is covered by insurance.