

FOUR ALARMS.

Big Fire Rages Out in Jamaica Plain.

Extensive Sturtevant Blower Works Totally Destroyed.

Blaze Discovered About 3 This Morning.

Flames Spread With the Greatest Rapidity.

Violent Explosion Scatters Burning Embers.

The alarm from box 511 shortly before 3 o'clock this morning, and which was followed by second, third and fourth alarms in quick succession, was for an extensive fire in the B. F. Sturtevant blower works in Jamaica Plain.

So rapidly did the fire spread that the large structure was one mass of flames within 15 minutes after the fire was discovered.

The building was of brick, four stories in height and covered a large area off Green st, and extending down nearly to the Jamaica Plain station of the Providence division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

The concern manufactures steam boilers and various kinds of machinery, as well as blowers.

In the building was a vast amount of the most valuable sort of stock and machinery, all of which was either destroyed or badly damaged.

During the progress of the fire the greatest excitement prevailed in the vicinity. The occupants of numerous wooden dwellings near the blaze were especially disturbed, as at one time their houses were in danger.

Two large wooden structures used for mercantile purposes close to the burning works at one time seemed to be doomed.

The fire department responded promptly and by clever work soon had the fire under control.

During the fire there was an explosion that scattered embers, and soon after the foundry where the fire originated was a total ruin. The foundry walls collapsed, and then the electrical department was enveloped and gutted.

The entire plant is destroyed.

The buildings were valued at \$75,000. The stock and machinery destroyed or damaged was valued at \$200,000. The damage to this property was fully \$100,000.

Included in the machinery was a most valuable electrical department.

There is a partial insurance.

So far as known no one was injured by the explosion.