

LARGE FIRE IN HYDE PARK.

The Woollen Mill Destroyed—Loss about \$500,000—Insurance about \$400,000—Four Hundred Persons Thrown out of Employment.

A brief announcement was made in **THE GLOBE** of Saturday of the breaking out of a fire in Hyde Park, and of the fact that assistance had been sent from Boston. The fire broke out at two o'clock in the morning, and at the time of going to press full particulars could not be obtained. The building destroyed was the Hyde Park woollen mill, located on the bank of Mother brook, near the Neponset river. Three hours sufficed for the destruction of the entire works, notwithstanding the most active exertions on the part of the firemen of Hyde Park and the Dorchester district. Some twenty minutes are said to have elapsed after the fire was discovered before an alarm was given, during which time the fire made rapid progress, fed as it was by the combustible material which the buildings contained. The two steamers of the Hyde Park fire department were promptly on the spot, and an alarm being sounded in this city, five steamers from Mattapan, Dorchester and Boston Highlands hastened to the scene. The firemen accomplished all that was possible. Chief Damrell and four of his assistants were on the ground, and rendered such service as was in their power. The cause of the fire is not known, but it is attributed to spontaneous combustion.

The factory covered a large area, the main building and extensions forming nearly a complete parallelogram 250 feet long and 115 feet wide, in the centre of which stood the boiler and engine-house and picker-room. The buildings were all of brick, two and three stories high, and were in excellent order under the superintendency of Mr. Robert Blake. The main building was erected in 1863 and the wings in 1865. There were twenty-one sets of cards and eighty-seven broad looms for weaving fancy cassimeres. About four hundred operatives were employed.

John Tarbox of steamer 2, Hyde Park, was seriously burned on one arm and shoulder, and his back badly wrenched, while descending a ladder from the roof, just as the flames burst from a window. He left a companion on the roof, which soon fell in, and whether he perished or not is not known. Capt. Fenno of steamer 19, Mattapan, received a severe gash in his cheek from a falling piece of the sheet-iron roof. J. Strangman of steamer 16, Dorchester Lower Mills, was struck on his head with a pipe which some one let fall from an upper story, and was badly bruised.

The loss is estimated at \$500,000, upon which there is the following insurance: