$20,000 LOSS IN ABATTOIR FIRE
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Two Alarms and Hard Two Hours' Fight.

Trouble With Hydrants That Are Found Frozen Up.

No Clew as to the Cause of Brighton Blaze.

Damage estimated at $20,000 resulted from a fire, last night, on the top floor and roof of the six-story wooden building, Nos. 6, 7 and 8 Brighton Abattoir, North Brighton, occupied by the Brighton Packing Company. Two alarms were sounded.

The building is 200 feet by 15 feet. Most of the fire was confined to the spaces between the ceiling of the top floor and the roof and for a few moments the flames threatened to spread through the entire abattoir plant.

More than 30 men are employed in the building days and there were 10 men working there last night. Hams are smoked, sausages made and packed, and hams are rendered and pork and all the other products are packed in the plant where the fire was.

Night watchman O. B. Baker discovered the fire when he found smoke through the roof. An automatic alarm was sent in from the engine room at 11 p.m. and Capt. Fred Dodge and the volunteer fire brigade, composed of men working on the premises, got out their ladders and went to work.

The fire was first discovered and an alarm was sounded from box 841 at 11:55 p.m. The hydrants were thawed out in the meantime.

Chief Madison sent in a second alarm at 12 o'clock as a precautionary measure. Six lines of hose were taken up through the building and it was flooded out. The fire was quenched out about two hours after the call was received.

Most of the damage to the stock in the building was done by the smoke and water. Supt. M. P. Chumney of the Brighton Packing Company said there were about 400 cattle valued at $10,000 in the building and it was all pretty much damaged.

The stock and building are both fully insured.

It was impossible to learn the cause of the fire last night, but it is thought that defects in insulated electric wires may have caused it. The building is owned by the Butcher's Plaughtering and Meating Association. The fire was all out at 12:25 o'clock this morning.

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