

Fire Reports

Fire Station
Bacup
June 3rd 1905

Sir

About 11.30 pm on this date P.C. Wilkinson who was on duty on Bulls Head Bridge noticed a smell of burning and on making investigations found that smoke was issuing from the shop of Mr Butterworth Fruit Grocer of Market Street. An alarm was given and in a few minutes Chief Constable Harland and several members of the Fire Brigade were in attendance. Admittance was gained by breaking open the door where it was found that the shop was full of dense smoke. Water was obtained in buckets from neighbouring houses and a large quantity thrown on the fire. The hose cart was called out but its services were not required. At the time the discovery was made the woodwork had just got well ablaze and the shop window had become very hot. So that a window upstairs was broken to allow the smoke to get away. Cause of fire supposed Mice eating Matches and ignited same. Insurance amount of damage £90 Members present Capt Harland Insp Dowling, Eng Jackson, Wilkinson and Dixon.

I am Sir

Your Dedicated Servant.

E Jackson Engineer.

Fire Station
Bacup
Feb 15th 1905

Sir

I respectfully beg to report that on this date about 11.50am P.S.Mann and P.C.Walton were in Bridge Street Bacup when they noticed dense smoke issuing from the bedroom window of the shop No1 Bridge Street occupied by Mr Thomas as a tobacconist. On going into the shop the officers found the occupier there and ascertained that the fire had broken out amongst a quantity of tobacco ,cigars and cigarettes and matches which were stored on some shelves. The fire was extinguished by measure of buckets of water but damage estimated at £20 which is covered by insurance was done. Miss Daisy Eve a lodger was asleep in the room over the shop and awoke to find the place filled with smoke cause of the fire unknown.

The brigade was not called.

I am sire your obedient servant.

E Jackson Engineer.

Fire Station

Bacup

August 7th 1929.

Sir ,

I beg to report that at 8.45 on Wednesday, August 7th 1929 tramcar no 18 owned by Rawtenstall Corporation tramways

And driven by driver no 53 caught fire near to the Swan Hotel Bacup.

The tram conductor informed Driver Jackson at the Fire Station who immediately turned out in the Vulcan ambulance and extinguisher. The fire was extinguished and the tram was towed to Rawtenstall. The fire was caused by the fusing of some electrical wires which are carried along the top of the drivers compartment. Estimated damage £5.0.0 Insured. Time engaged 8.50 am to 9.10 am.

Ernest W. Sturt. Esq

Chief Constable.

I am sir

your obedient serv

Frank Jackson Engineer.