

Waterbury Bobbin Plant Damaged By a \$7,500 Fire 250,000 Finished Bobbins Lost By The Eldredge Co.

WATERBURY, March 29—In an early morning fire, the origin of which is still undetermined, damages estimated at \$7,500 were suffered by the Eldredge Co., Inc., at their mill on Railroad st. The fire was discovered at 12:45 Tuesday morning by the night watchman, Hollis White, and the alarm sounded.

The Waterbury Fire Department responded and several lines of hose were played onto the two-story building. Heavy smoke hampered the firemen in locating the blaze near the boiler room, and it was more than three hours before the stubborn fire was put out.

Bobbins Placed in Bin Monday

The sprinkler system at the mill went into operation and kept the blaze limited to the drying bin located just above the boiler room. Some 250,000 finished bobbins manufactured by the company for textile mills had been put into the bin on Monday. All of these were lost. Fire burned through the floors and walls of the bin, which measured 100 by 10 by 14 feet.

Water damage was responsible for the greater share of the loss. Mrs. Mildred Eldredge, president of the company, said today. Work will be resumed in a few days, when repairs have been made. The loss is covered by insurance.

The Eldredge Company suffered \$12,000 loss nine years ago in an odd accident when a line of freight cars from a nearby yard rammed the building.