

FIRE IN A CAMDEN SCHOOL BUILDING

Firemen and Citizens Fight Blaze, Result of Which Aggravates Over- Crowded Condition of Rooms

The overcrowded condition of Camden's schools was made worse yesterday by the Kaighn School, at Newton avenue and Sycamore street, being badly damaged by fire. It will be several weeks at least before the building can again be used for school purposes.

The fire was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Smoke was pouring from the windows in thick volumes. When the firemen arrived the interior of the building on the northeast end was ablaze. Scores of citizens assisted the firemen in their work and materially aided in saving the school from total destruction. The flames ate their way through the partitions and such thick smoke arose from the fat pine flooring that the firemen were almost overcome. After a strenuous hour firemen and citizens succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

Janitor John Campbell said the fire originated in the northeastern section of the cellar, where there was an old heater, the top of which was but a few inches from the fat pine flooring. Four of the eleven rooms were burned out. The other section of the school was badly damaged by water and smoke. All the furnishings will have to be replaced.

Members of the Board of Education were unable to place the loss, which will amount to several thousand dollars. About 400 children attend the school. The Board of Education will meet tonight, when some provision will be made for them.

Fireman Edgar Boulton was badly cut on the arms by flying glass. He was taken to the Cooper Hospital.

* Sunday gunning has been reported to Game Warden Avis, and he spent the day down around Glassboro. No arrests were made, however.