

FIRE RECORD.

The Loss in the Edison Electric Light Works in Boston.

Boston, June 2.—The building in which was situated the Edison electric light plant, damaged by fire this morning, is a large brick structure, two stories high on Head Place, extending in the rear to what is known as the old building, three stories high, and backing up against the scenery room of the Park Theater on Bumstead Court. When the department arrived the entire upper part of the Head Place building was a sheet of flame, and the fire was working its way back into the old building and the rear part of the five-story building Nos. 178 and 179 Tremont Street, while the rear of the building No. 180, on the opposite side of Head Place, was also in flames. The firemen soon had the fire under control, but not until the entire upper portion of the Edison Works was completely destroyed. The second floor of the Head Place building was used as the dynamo room, and here the fire started, it is supposed, in an equalizer box. Several employees had narrow escapes. In the dynamo room were 14 dynamos, valued at \$2500 each. In the room beneath were seven engines, one for every two dynamos. In the front of the dynamo room was the office, and beneath was the metre room. The building in the rear contained the boiler rooms, repair shops, etc. The damage to the Edison Works, including dynamos, machinery, belts, office, and building, will reach about \$50,000. The first and second floors of 179 are occupied by Hallet & Davis, pianoforte manufacturers. A large number of piano stools, etc., in the rear of the first floor, and a number of pianos on the second floor, were either destroyed or badly damaged, and their loss will reach \$2500 to \$3000. In the rear of the third floor, room No. 15, occupied by the Crayon Portrait Society, was badly damaged both by fire and water, and No. 17, occupied by the Globe Pharmaceutical Association shared a like fate. The rear portion of the lower floor of the building No. 180 Tremont Street, occupied by Bancroft & Dyer, furniture dealers, was considerably damaged, and this firm also suffer somewhat by water. The burning of the electric light station cuts out this system from the entire city, both the overhead and the underground system being supplied from this station. The Globe Theatre, Hollis Street Theatre, Adams House, Clark's Hotel, Parks Hotel, and Young Men's Christian Association buildings are lighted from this source; also numerous stores, halls, etc.

The insurance of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company is as follows: On building, \$10,000; on dynamos, \$21,000; contents, \$19,000; on boiler building, \$2000; contents, \$15,000.