# \$200,000 mushroom plant fire

Employees of Meadowglen Mushroom Growers Ltd. arrived at work Wednesday and discovered a fire which caused \$200,000 damage.

Firefighters were called to the Meadowglen plant, about a half mile south of Acton, at 5:48 a.m. Wednesday, just after workers arrived. The chimney on the boiler is the suspected cause of the fire, Fire Prevention Officer Bob Meads said.

If there had not been a fire wall made of concrete blocks the fire would have been much worse, Mr. Meads said. By the time firefighters arrived flames had burned through the roof.

The first floor of a wing of the building was gutted. Electrical, refrigeration, storage and boiler services were affected, said Keith McCabe, the Meadowglen director of operations. He expected that all hydro and heating services could be restored by 10 p.m. Thursday.

Fire did not harm the boiler and Meadowglen will be using the same one, Mr. McCabe said. About 10 per cent of the entire building on Highway 25 was damaged by the fire. Loss of time due to the fire is not expected to minimal, Mr. McCabe said.

Mushrooms are grown at the plant. Workers were in the process of filling, preparing the mushroom beds for planting. About eight people are needed to do this job. The filling areas was not burned by the fire, Mr. McCabe

When two workers first arrived at the scene they attempted to put the fire out with extinguishers, Mr Mc-Cabe said. Two pumpers, two tankers and a rescue truck, all from Halton Hills, were called, Firefighters were at the site for five to six hours, Mr. Meads said.

One firefighter was burned on the neck where hot tar fell. The injury was not serious, Mr. Meads said. Meadowglen plans to rebuild the burned part of the

Halton Hills

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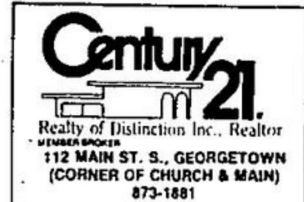
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