

Paper Feeds £50,000 Carpet Factory Fire

A spectacular fire yesterday afternoon raced through 3000 tons of compressed paper stored at the rear of the British-Australian Carpet Manufacturing Co. factory off Sunshine-road, Tottenham.

A sling-crane truck, which was standing next the blazing pile of paper, was also destroyed. Damage was estimated at £50,000.

Workmen think the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion.

The paper stack, which was 30 feet high and 100

yards by 50 yards square, was ablaze from end to end within a few minutes. Smoke curled 200 feet into the air.

Owned by the Australian Paper Mills, the stack had been built up over nine months.

Sparks from the blaze set fire to dry grass in surrounding paddocks, but this was soon extinguished by firemen.

The Australian Paper Mills' own fire brigade will watch the blaze for 24 hours. Firemen believe the fire will not burn itself out for about a week.

Five workmen had left

the stack only a few minutes before the fire broke out. One of the men lost most of his clothing.