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FIRE RESISTANCE TESTING
STATION

INAUGURATED AT ELSTREE.

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In view of recent disastrous fires, the visit of the Duke of Kent to the Fire

Testing Station at Elstree is of great interest. After various officials

have been presented to His Royal Highness, he declares the building open. It is a Research Station which tests the fire resisting properties of building material, and will carry out tests which may result in buildings which cannot burn. The Duke

tours the Station and inspects many of the scientific appliances. He then goes

into the control-room, from which test fires may be started by the touch

of a switch. An ordinary wall is subjected to fire. A fierce furnace heat develops, but the wall remains undamaged. After witnessing other tests

the Duke leaves. Of course, the Station will depress some people. Fire bugs will be furious.