

Fire at Windmill Farm Extinguished with Snow

About four o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire was discovered on the farm premises of Mr. William Creswick, farmer, Windmill, between Bolsterstone and Midhope. The fire had broken out in a cowshed with a hayloft overhead. In the shed there were nine head of cattle, and in the loft there were 3½ tons of hay and half a ton of straw. Assistance was quickly at hand, including Police-sergeant Hobson, Police constable Baylis, and two firemen belonging to Stocksbridge Fire Brigade. The hay and the cattle were got out safely, but the straw was destroyed. To prevent the fire spreading the two firemen got onto the roof of an adjoining shed, cut away the beam of the burning roof, and thus allowing it to fall in. There was but a small quantity of water to obtain, this being procured in buckets from a pump close at hand. The helpers, however, got large quantities of snow from the neighbourhood, and by throwing this on the flames succeeded in extinguishing them. The damage sustained by the occupier is about £3, and he is not insured. The damage to the property, which belongs to MR. Rimmington Wilson, is about £30, but the buildings are insured.