

Stack Fire near Totley

Last night Mr. Joseph Rollingson, farmer, of Moneybrook Rise, beyond Totley, had a couple of stacks of last year's hay partially destroyed by fire, Three stacks were standing together, and a few minutes past six o'clock two of them were observed to be on fire. A telephone message was despatched from Dore to Sheffield, and an hour or so later Superintendent Pound and the Fire Brigade were on the spot. Mr. Rollingson's farm is situated near to the scene of tunnelling operations that are being carried on in connection with the new line from Dore to Chinley. The close proximity of the burning stacks to the boring shaft proved a fortunate matter for their owner, as a better supply of water was obtained from the works, than could conveniently have been got from any other source. As the result of cutting away the outside of both ricks and pouring plenty of water on the burning portions, the third stack was saved, although the other two were almost completely destroyed. Up to a late hour last night the flames were not subdued, and Superintendent Pound was of the opinion that it would be fully daybreak before that end was attained. The damage will be considerable, although it is understood Mr. Rollingson has his produce insured. It is believed that the stacks were ignited either by children, without malice, or an incendiary.