

## Fire at Crosspool

An alarm of fire was raised at Crosspool this morning on the discovery that one of four haystacks belonging to Mr. Samuel Lovell, farmer and publican was in flames. A message was sent to the Broomhill Police-station, and also to the Fire Brigade. The Broomhill police put a standpipe and a length of hose in a cab and despatched them to the scene of the outbreak, while Sergeant Crawford and a company of firemen hurried up with the four-horse manual engine. On arriving at the farm there was little or nothing to do, the flames having been extinguished with a few buckets of water by the farm hands and a few of the general public. It is supposed the fire was caused by a few children playing on the farm premises and accidentally igniting a haystack in their play. Had the fire spread it would have been attended with very disastrous results. The four stacks stood close together, scarcely four yards apart, while the nearest hydrant was fully two hundred yards away, the stacks themselves being quite a hundred yards from the highway. Fighting a serious fire under those circumstances would have been a very difficult matter. About £10 will cover the damage and the stacks are insured in the Alliance.