

## Incendiary Fire at Gleadless

Early yesterday morning, a fire, which resulted in the destruction of three valuable stacks of hay, occurred at Gleadless, on the farm of Mr. Mace Wilkinson, of Hurlfield House. Mr. Wilkinson, who is also a colliery owner, had in his stack yard four stacks of hay, one containing about 50 tons two others about 20 tons each, and another much smaller. About four o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Staniforth, who lives at the Paddocks Farm, a short distance from Mr. Wilkinson's house, was awakened by a strong smell of burning hay, and getting out of bed saw a 'blaze in Mr. Wilkinson's stack yard. he ran to the house and aroused the inmates, and on going into the stack yard discovered that the three large stacks were blazing. A messenger was despatched for the Sheffield Corporation Fire Brigade, and in the meantime efforts were made to extinguish the flames. The brigade arrived with great promptitude, and at once commenced to play upon the stacks. Their labours, however, were very much impeded by the scarcity of water, which they obtained with very great difficulty. The men worked perseveringly at the stacks, and after several hours succeeded in extinguishing the flames and saving a portion of the hay. The amount of damage is estimated at £500, which is covered by insurance in the Liverpool and London Fire Office. There is little doubt that the fire was the work of an incendiary, as all three stacks were fired at the same time ; but up to the present no clue has been obtained of the perpetrators of the act. The brigade found their horses of great service to them on this occasion, as they were enabled to be at the scene of action within half an hour of the time of being called.