Fire at Owlerton

Superintendent Pound and the fire brigade were this morning engaged for an hour or so at Owlerton quelling a fire which had broken out on the premises of Mr. Clement B. Thompson, farmer, and which was supposed to have arisen through a company of tramps choosing one of Mr. Thompson's outbuildings as a likely place in which to spend the night. A quantity of loose straw and chaff was burnt, and the shed containing it damaged. Near at hand were four straw stacks and part of a haystack, and had not the flames been extinguished very speedily the consequences would have been disastrous. As it is the damage only amounts to about £10, and the insurance will cover that sum.