

thus add to the damage. The glass roof of a yard suffered severely in consequence of the falling of a number of slates. The servants and others worked hard to get out the furniture, and the lower rooms were cleared in a very short time. The damage is estimated at £1,500. The house is the property of Mr. Majendie Brown, and is let on a lease to Lord Haldon for seven years. It is understood the house is fully insured. The Adderbury brigade, under Mr. Beesley did good work. Mr. Hedges was in command of the Deddington brigade. The Banbury turned out sixteen strong, and was under the command of First Lieutenant Harding and second Lieutenant Chard. They returned to Banbury about eleven o'clock. Lord Haldon was not at home, having left for London in the afternoon. Superintendent Wyatt, of Banbury, Inspector Leech of Deddington, and other officers of police were at the scene of the fire and rendered what assistance they could. A large number of people from Banbury were present. Some members of the Adderbury Fire Brigade watched the burnt rooms all night, and so were ready to quench the fire, which broke out again slightly.

ADDERBURY

FIRE AT LORD HALDON'S HUNTING SEAT.

On Saturday evening great excitement was caused in this village in consequence of an outbreak of fire at the house now occupied as a hunting box by Lord Haldon. The house is situate at the bottom of the village, near the church, and has been occupied by Lord Haldon for two seasons. The fire was discovered about six o'clock. A fire had been lighted in one of the attics used as servant's bedroom at the top of the house, and through the stove becoming over-heated or some coals falling out, the floor was set on fire, which being somewhat old, burnt with considerable rapidity. As soon as the fire was discovered, the alarm was at once given, and the village fire engine was soon on the scene of the fire. There was a good supply of water obtained from a pond near, and the Adderbury men played into the window, through which the fire broke. Telegrams were despatched to Banbury and Deddington, but the engine from the last-named place met with an accident on the way, and did not reach the fire until after the Banbury Brigade. On receipt of the telegram at Banbury, about half-past six, P.S. Cox, of the Borough Police, went round and called the members of the Brigade, who turned out as speedily as possible, and as soon as four horses could be had from the Red Lion Hotel, the brigade and the engine were on their way to the fire. Through the efforts of the Adderbury brigade the fire had been prevented from spreading, and by the time the Banbury men arrived it was well in hand. The plentiful supply of hose brought by the Banbury brigade enabled them to pour a continuous supply of water on the fire. They took the hose through the house and upstairs, and succeeded in extinguishing the fire in a short time, and preventing it spreading to the front of the house, the burnt portion being at one side. The fire broke out in a room immediately over that generally occupied by Lord Haldon. The floor was burnt out and fell into his lordship's bed-room, most of the furniture of which was destroyed either by fire or water. The fire breaking out in, and being confined to the top of the house, an opportunity was afforded to remove the furniture in the lower rooms, and every advantage was taken of it, the furniture being carried on to the lawn. As may be supposed, a great deal of damage was done to the house by water. The bed-room in which the fire broke out was completely gutted, and a landing leading to it was destroyed. A portion of the roof was burnt off. The water penetrating through the ceilings has caused the plaster in many places to give way, and