



THIS IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF MILTON NEILL'S cow barn and milking equipment after the fire which destroyed

Flash Fire Razes Barn - \$30,000 Loss

A flash fire at the McNab township farm of Milton Neill last Friday evening completely destroyed a U-shaped barn, killing 29 cows and causing an estimated \$30,000 damage.

Over 1500 bales of hay in the barn also burned in the blaze which broke out around 5 p.m. A lightning storm had passed over the area about 3 p.m. and there was no sign of fire when Mrs. Neill went to pick up her

husband around 4.30 p.m. The fire must have been smoldering in the cow barn for shortly after the barn was in flames.

A neighbour, Ray McLean, managed to rescue six head of cattle from the burning structure. McNab township firemen arrived at the scene fairly quickly and poured water pumped from a nearby ditch on the barn.

This served to prevent the fire spreading to other farm buildings or the farm house, a short 50 yards away. The wind was blowing from the south, away from the house, and so fireman managed to save it.

Mr. Neill said on Saturday that he did not know what he would do if he did not have such wonderful neighbours. The neighbours brought him a load

of hay on Saturday to feed the remaining cattle of his 100-head herd which had been grazing in the fields when the fire broke out.

Mr. Neill has lived on the farm, the old Duncan Cameron place, for about fourteen years.

The cattle were insured but well below their market value while the barn was only partially insured.