

Among those who rendered assistance were Messrs J & G Smallridge, R G Tucker, R Sussex, F Steer, E Loosemore, Shapland, Dennis, Green, Hammett, F Moore, G Ford, Widlake, Parker and F Bennett. Mesdames Smallridge, Shapland, Weeks, Bennett, Mathews and Parker. P C Bolt of Barnstaple and P C Tolley of Bishops Tawton also gave valuable help. Another estimate of the damage placed it at between £700 and £800.

September 1922.

A farmhouse and stable, stores etc, adjoining all covered with thatch, and part of Rolleston Farm, and occupied by Mr William Sparkes, were completely gutted by fire today, the damage being estimated at £2000. The property was insured. Mr Sparkes himself discovered the outbreak at about 12.40pm in the kitchen, and it is believed to have been caused by a defective chimney.

Raleigh Fire Brigade at Barnstaple were called but could not help for although the horses were ready, the engine could not be started.

Fanned by a strong wind, the flames soon destroyed the whole buildings. The little water that was available was used to damp the thatch of adjoining farm buildings and straw ricks. There were plenty of willing helpers, and most of the furniture was saved. Workmen named Webber of Barnstaple who were engaged at Mr Wreford's, Harracott not far distant lent particularly valuable aid. PC Wilshire of Barnstaple was also in attendance. At 3.30pm only the bare stone walls remained, whilst the debris was still burning. Mr & Mrs Sparkes have a large family who are thus, for the moment homeless.

Another report of the same fire - in another paper:-

A lad cycling furiously from Tawstock to Barnstaple, yesterday shouting "Fire" called attention to a conflagration at his father's homestead at Rolleston Farm, Tawstock.

Farmers and their men rushed from their work to lend assistance, leaving their teams of horses standing in the harvest fields. The outbreak occurred about mid-day at Rolleston Farm occupied and owned by Mr W Sparkes. As a result, damage was done to the extent of over £1000, the two storey house, some stables, a shippen and a storeroom being completely destroyed.

June 1929.

A great improvement is being made at the Holywell Bridge, Tawstock. The dangerous corner being taken off and the bridge widened.

August 1929.

On a school outing on Wednesday last - 70 journeyed to Westward Ho, in a charabane, supplied by Messrs Hopgood. Rain spoilt the day, Rev Sir Bouchier Wrey joined the party at tea, arranged by Miss Shapland and Miss Nash.