

## FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION

THOMAS HUBER AND WILLIAM ATTIG INSTANTLY KILLED.

A frightful accident occurred just at noon on Monday last, by which Thos. Huber, who lives on the Ninth Line Wellesley, one mile west of the Linwood Sideroad, and Will Attig, of Newton, lost their lives.

Mr. Huber has for years conducted a blacksmith and carriage business on the lot where the accident occurred, and was this year adding a complete cider making plant. The work was about finished and on Monday forenoon the boiler was steamed up for the first time. Mr. Attig, the well-known contractor, was assisting in installing the plant, and both men were working in the blacksmithshop when the hired man came in and reported that the boiler was "blowing off" although the steamguage only showed 25 pounds pressure. Mr. Attig replied that he would soon fix that, and started for the boiler room accompanied by Mr. Huber. The hired man, thinking Attig intended to regulate the safety valve, remained in the blacksmithshop, and to this he probably owes his life, for a moment later there was a terrific explosion. The cider mill building was completely wrecked. Attig was found

near by, with one side of his face completely torn off, probably by a piece of flying iron, and his body otherwise mutilated. Huber had been thrown a long distance into the field and against an elm tree fully 320 feet away. Every article of clothing had been torn from his body. Both men must have died instantly.

Neighbors gathered and did all that was possible for Mrs. Huber, who had just a few minutes before the explosion called the men to dinner and was now nearly frantic with grief.

Both men are well known and highly respected all over this district.

Mr. Attig has for years been engaged in moving buildings and taking contracts for other work of this nature and so has a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Huber, "Tom" as he is familiarly known to nearly everybody, has lived at "Huber's Corner" all his life, his father having for many years in the early times kept tavern at that place. He was about 40 years of age and leaves a mourning wife and two children. For several years he has acted as correspondent for the Maple Leaf from that section.