

During the high wind which prevailed on Monday last the residence of Mr. L. A. Freeland, in Willow Lake township, was destroyed by fire with its entire contents, and also his granary and 500 bushels of seed wheat. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark from the chimney. Mr. Freeland and family returned home from the south last Saturday, and Monday morning commenced work in the field. He was called from the field to assist in unloading some oats, after which he entered the house. As he was leaving to return to the field he discovered the fire in the grass approaching the house, and attempted to put it out by throwing water on it, but the wind being very high his efforts were of no avail. He succeeded in saving only two trunks and one bed. The loss is a severe one and occurs at the very commencement of the busy season, which will make it particularly hard on Mr. Freeland. There was some insurance in the St. Paul Fire and Marine company, but how much we did not learn.