

TWO MYSTERIOUS FIRES

WILLIAM SYVERTSON'S BARN
BURNED SATURDAY MORNING
AND B. A. THORSGARD'S RESI-
DENCE PARTIALLY BURNED
SUNDAY NIGHT.

About one o'clock Saturday morning fire was discovered in William Syvertson's barn in the southwest part of town and before anything could be done it had gained so much headway that it was impossible to save the building. The barn contained several tons of hay, a new rubber tire buggy, a quantity of oats and several things that had been stored, and all was a total loss. Mr. Syvertson had been working out in the country and the doors and windows of the barn had been nailed up for safety. Nobody had entered the barn for some time and just how the fire originated is a mystery.

About twelve o'clock Sunday night the residence of B. A. Thorsgard, located only a few rods from the site of the barn which was burned, was partially destroyed by fire. The alarm was given by the whistling of a passing engine on the Soo and when people entered the house they were surprised to find fire in five different parts, with every indication that an incendiary had been at work. Kerosene had been used with liberality and the fires were so located as to consume the dwelling in the shortest possible time. This fire was preceded by another less than two weeks before.