

## PELHAM, N. H.

### Old Eliphalet Wood Homestead Destroyed by Fire with \$12,000 Loss.

Pelham, N. H., July 4.

The old Eliphalet Wood homestead, now owned by Henry A. and Amos E. Wood, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon.

The fire originated from cause unknown in the large attic near the old-fashioned chimney of many flues, and was first discovered by the men at work haying in a field nearby, as the fire broke through the roof in the centre of the main building. There had been no fire in this part of the house for over a week. Help was summoned by telephone and many volunteers responded, but the fire spread so rapidly over the wooden shingles that a large portion of the roof was ablaze before assistance arrived.

The hand chemicals of the town were freely used and the Dracut Fire department sent four of its chemical trucks in response to a request for aid, but the fire had then gained such headway that it was impossible to save the large set of farm buildings, consisting of two large tenements and additions, sheds, icehouses and a large barn. Much of the personal property was saved from both homes and other buildings and yet there will be a large loss in personal effects when it comes to replacement. One pig in the barn cellar was the only livestock lost, besides several tons of hay harvested this year. The buildings carried \$3500 insurance and the loss above insurance is estimated at at least \$12,000.