

SUSPECT ALIENS OF FIRES

Lambton County Residents Suffer Severe Losses

Petrolia, Sept. 26.—There is much misgivings in the minds of the farmers in this part of the county of Lambton over the fires that have destroyed large barns in the course of the past few weeks. The most recent is a barn belonging to Thompson Bros. in Dawn township, which was burned. The suspicion seems to be that this destruction of property is caused by some unfriendly hand directed against the assets of the Empire. An automobile party is said to have been through Dawn township taking snapshots of barns, ostensibly for advertising purposes, and rumor and public suspicion are quick to link up the circumstances.

A fire destroyed two buildings at Marthaville yesterday. The blaze originated in a vacant house and spread to an adjoining house occupied by Mr. Climle.