

BAD FIRE LOSS.

**Creamery and Tenement Property on
Winooski Street in Ruins.**

The creamery building on Winooski street, owned by the Winooski Valley Creamery Association is practically in ruins, as the result of a fire on Tuesday forenoon.

The fire started in the bath room of the tenement on the first floor occupied by F. L. White and before it was discovered it had gained such headway that the firemen were only able to save the shell of the building.

The building was occupied by the creamery association and three tenants, F. L. White, E. L. Beckley and Fred Dunton. Much of the furniture belonging to the tenants was destroyed and it was only partly insured, leaving the families in very destitute circumstances so far as furnishings are concerned.

The building was insured for \$1,500 and \$500 carried on its machinery. The insurance on the building is not sufficient to meet the loss which is estimated at least \$2,500. The basement where most of the machinery is located, is so filled with water that it is difficult to estimate the loss, but the insurance will doubtless be sufficient to meet it.

George Averill, the buttermaker, had 150 pounds of butter in the churn which will doubtless be a complete loss.

The firemen put up a stubborn fight and responded quickly to the alarm. The water system worked to perfection giving at all times all the pressure that was needed.

James Dickie, one of the firemen, received a bad cut on his right thumb while going through a window. He had it dressed by Dr. G. S. Bidwell, after which he returned to the fire and before the services of the firemen were over Mr. Dickie met with a second accident falling through the floor into the cellar, injuring his left arm badly.

The fire was discovered by George Averill when he saw the smoke pouring out of the White tenement. He was quick to give the alarm.

In the family of the Beckley's was a mother with a baby only four days old. Kind neighbors were quick to make mother and baby a comfortable home.

The officers of the creamery association are Charles Crossett, president; D. E. Beavitt secretary and treasurer; G. S. Blaisdell, general manager.

C. F. Eddy, the creamery man of Stowe, was in town last evening and arrangements were made with him to handle the cream for the local patrons.

The association has made no plans for the future. They are awaiting the arrival of the insurance adjuster. The officers and directors are holding a meeting this afternoon and are considering plans about moving back to the creamery building on Randall street.