## ATTEMPTED ARSON.

Unknown Parties Tried to Burn the Van Buren Point

Hotel.

(From Yesterday's Last Edition.)

DUNKIRK, Aug. 3.—An attempt was made by unknown parties to burn the Van Buren Point Hotel and cafe, owned by J. Lansing Moore of Buffalo, at an early hour this morning. It is understood that a lot of shavings and some oily waste were found in the rear of the hotel. Fortunately there was not much wind at the time and the flames were under control before they could gain much headway.

The damage to the buildings were slight and fully covered by insurance. Manager Scofield of the hotel has notified the Fredonia police, who are trying to get some clue to the parties who fired the building.

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#### Ministers at Van Buren Point.

Accepting the invitation of the honorary members of the Buffalo Ministers' Meeting, the clergymen composing that body, with their wives or daughters, to the number of nearly 50 betook themselves on Monday to Van Buren Point for a day of relaxation and enjoyment. The journey was made by the Nickel Plate, and was in every way agreeable. The Point was reached about 1 P. M., and soon after a fine dinner was served to the party at the hotel, for which they were in-debted to the courtesy and liberality of the proprietor, Mr. J. Lansing Moore. The repast was

greatly enjoyed by the guests, who spent some hours in strolling about the place and inspecting its many beauties, returning to Buffalo by the train which left Van Buren at 5 o'clock.

At the table appropriate action was taken in acknowledgment of the kindness of the honorary members and the bountiful hospitality of Mr.

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acknowledgment of the kindness of the honorary members and the bountiful hospitality of Mr. Moore. Presiding Elder Fisher acted on behalf of the honorary members as master of ceremonies, and performed his not easy duties to the admiration of all.

Van Buren Point boasts of rare natural attractions. Through the sagacity, energy, and liberality of Mr. Moore it has been converted into what all must acknowledge to be a quiet, restful, delightful summer home. Its facilities for boating, fishing, bathing, and for lawn and other games are unsurpassed; its walks and drives are numerous and pleasant; its atmosphere is highly tonic and invigorating, and its scenery is a succession of foverly and striking pictures. Its charm consists in its rural simplicity. The hotel at the Point is in charge of Mr. E. L. Cornell, well known to Chantauqua tourists. Scattered here and there over the pleasant grounds are about 20 of the cosiest cottages imaginable, some of which are occupied by parties from Buffalo, and all of which have been rented for the season. It is quite certain that Van Buren Point has a future before it as a summer resort such as will make glad the heart of its proprietor.

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Unknown Parties Set Fire to the Hotel and Cafe.

Special to the Commercial:

Fredonia, Aug. 3.—Manager Schofield of Van Buren Point, owned by J. Lansing Moore of Buffalo, came to town this morning and announced that unknown parties had set fire to the hotel and cafe. The fire was extinguished after some damage had been done.

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# At Van Buren Point.

The season at that delightful summer resort, Van Buren Point, on Lake Erie, has been very successful. The Point grows in popularity every year, and attracts the best class of people, not only from Buffalo and vicinity, but from distant parts of the country. A list of the late arrivals is published elsewhere on this page.

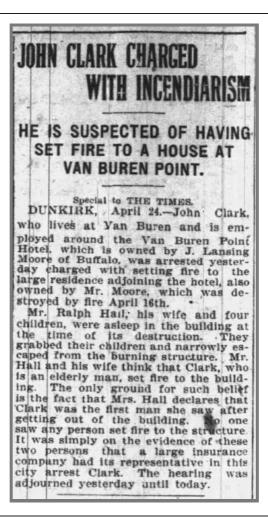
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### **VAN BUREN POINT**

The Hotel and Cottages Are Filling Up-A Hospitable Resort.

DUNKIRK, June 28.—(Special).—One of the most delightful places of resort on the shores of Lake Erie is Van Buren Point, located about five miles west of this city. The natural beauties of this place were discovered by J. Lansing Moore of Buffalo. He reclaimed it from its wild condition and spent much money in erecting a handsome hotel and building a number of cottages.

Today Van Buren Point ranks among the most popular of the minor resorts in Western New York. Although early in the season indications point to the fact that it is destined to have a remarkably successful year. Already the hotel is welf-filled with guests and more are constantly coming. Arrangements are such, however, that there will be no overcrowding and all who patronize this resort will be sure of receiving the best of attention. Among the latest Buffalonians to take quarters at Van Buren Point are: Mrs. W. J. Hayes and son, and Mrs. R. O. Wilson. Van Buren Point is essentially a place that provides home comforts and is deservedly popular with families.

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Craft Stranded on Beaches at Van Buren Point and Ripley by Rescue Tug From Dunkirk and Floated Without Damage to Cargo. Crews Saved.

DUNKIRK, Aug. 22.—The tug Winthrop, of Buffalo, en route from that city to Cleveland, in charge of Herbert Wilkerson of New York and four canal barges,

tug to the mercy of the winds and waves.
rom and put into port. Late last night
e of rescue tugs put out from this port
and scoured the waters for the

Herbert Wilkerson of New York and having in tow four canal barges, had a thrilling battle with the waves during the terrific windstorm of yesterday and last night.

The tug and convoy was about six miles off the American shore near Van Buren Point, when the waves, lashed to fury by the high winds, rose and threatened to swamp the entire fleet.

The waves, reaching immense proportions washed over the tug and sides of the barges, snapping asunder the tow rope between the tug and the barges, leaving the barges without power.

The tug Winthrop, after an unsuccessful attempt to recover the barges, was forced to abandon them

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