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## Old Woman Loses Life in Fire

When a wooden cottage in Wallace St. Maidstone, caught fire on Tuesday night, a 79 year-old woman, Miss Laura Priscilla Powell was burned to death.

Attempts were made by firemen and neighbours to rescue her but they were driven back by the flames and smoke.

Miss Powell had lived in the house nearly all her life. For the past five years she had lived alone.

The house was not lit by electric light and Miss Powell used a hurricane lantern for illumination. The building was erected about 80 years ago and was the first Maidstone Post Office.

Mr. G. Dobson who lives a few doors away, said that many attempts had been made to have Miss Powell placed in a home, but she could not be accepted until the authorities were satisfied she was incapable of looking after herself.

Miss Powell had been gradually failing in health over the past few months.

The result of the post-mortem on Wednesday was that there were no suspicious circumstances.

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