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Keilor fire

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At half-past three a.m. yesterday, a fire occurred in Keilor, whereby two wooden houses were reduced to ashes. A third (Mr Rootsey's store) narrowly escaped, owing its preservation to the exertions of the townspeople, who, with wet blankets and water, preserved it from the flames with difficulty. The houses belonged to Messrs Rootsey and Toohey, and were uninsured. The cause of the fire is at present unknown.

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Keilor fire inquest

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The district coroner (Mr. Candler) held an inquest at **Keilor** on Tuesday on the origin of a fire which occurred about three o'clock on Monday morning, whereby two houses belonging to Ebenezer Rootsay and one belonging to Owen Toohey were burnt down. The fire originated in one of Rootsay's houses, which was used as a hay store. All three buildings were burnt down in about twenty minutes. The jury found that there was no evidence to show how the fire originated. None of the property was insured.