

FIRE

Between half-past seven and eight o'clock yesterday morning the Hunt Club Hotel, on the Ballarat-road, close to Kororoit Creek, owned and occupied by Joseph Harrison, was reduced to ashes. The building consisted of eleven rooms, exclusive of store room and kitchen. The premises being old (having been built about twenty years ago), burnt like touchwood, and in half an hour were a mass of embers. The fire appears to have broken out in a room occupied by the two female servants and the two youngest Harrison's. These children were left in bed by the girls, who were up attending to their duties. The cries of the children drew the first attention to the place being on fire. Mr. Harrison and his wife, who were also in bed, escaped in their nightdresses through their bedroom window. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Harrison estimates his loss at over £1000, only £600 of which is covered by insurance in the Mutual Association Company's office.

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