

**FIRE IN HUMFFRAY STREET,
BALLARAT EAST.**

Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in a shop and dwelling-house situated in Humffray street south, near Main street. The place was owned and occupied by a man named Samuel Dvoretzki, a hawker, who resided there with his wife and two children. From a statement made by the woman, it seems that a lighted candle ignited the bed curtains, and the crackling of the flames awoke her. In the meantime a son of Mr Wightwick, who lives near at hand, ran to the Peel street box, and sent the alarm to the Ballarat Brigade. Mrs Dvoretzki experienced some difficulty in getting out, as the place was full of smoke. The back portion of the premises was completely destroyed, and the shop sustained some damage. The husband is away at Skipton. The buildings are insured for £300 in the office of which Mr J. W. Rail is agent. Both brigades were in attendance.