

FIRE AT BELGRAVE.

BELGRAVE, Thursday.—Mystery surrounds the origin of a fire that early this morning destroyed the Micawber tearooms and adjoining residential quarters. The outbreak was noticed about 2.15 a.m. The premises were unoccupied, and the police and owner (Mr. Edward A'Vard, of Prince-street, Murrumbidgee) are at a loss to know how the fire originated. The building was a two-storied structure consisting of seven rooms and a balcony, and with the contents was destroyed. The heat of the blazing buildings caused the fibrous-cement sheets to explode with violent force, and fragments were scattered over the main road. The building was not fully insured, and the damage is estimated to exceed £700.