

**FIRE AT BRAYBROOK.**

**BACON FACTORY BURNT.**

Melbourne, Thursday.

This morning a fire broke out in the Western and Murray Districts Co-operative Bacon Factory, at Braybrook. The factory is in an isolated position, and it was over half-an-hour before the firefighters could arrive on the scene, and then it was found that the water plug accommodation was far from adequate. The flames demolished the greater part of the large premises, roofs crashing in and walls falling in all directions. Large numbers of pigs were rescued from the buildings, and the terrified beasts ran squealing in the paddocks. Included in the stock destroyed was a large quantity of small goods in preparation for troops in England. The building and contents were insured in the Queensland Company's office for £21,000.