

## **BRAYBROOK AND MAIDSTONE.**

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Fire destroyed a house owned by Mr. W. H. Marsh, snr., in Rosamond road Braybrook on Monday night. The building was occupied by Mr. S. A. Edwards. The contents of the house were destroyed. The house next door, owned and occupied by Mr. W. H. Marsh, junr. was severely damaged by the fire. Damage was done to the contents by the fire and hasty removal. Both buildings were insured.

Several inquiries have been made during the week for land suitable for subdivision. A wealthy Melbourne syndicate has been offering some very tempting prices to an old resident of the district in Mr James Newman.

Rosamond Road, North Maidstone, the scene of the recent disastrous fire is, although quite close to Melbourne, isolated in respect to water and fire appliances. Although a 9 inch main passes along the road, and only fifty feet distant from the burning houses, the nearest fire plug is about half a mile away. The residents made an application for a fire alarm and a fire plug only at last meeting of the council.

The portion of Ballarat Road in Maidstone recently made good by the local council is now beginning to break away. This could easily be averted if taken in hand right away and tarred and top-dressed.

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