

## Fire Destroys Church

At 10.15 a.m. this morning workmen engaged in the erection of houses in Tyler street noticed smoke issuing from Our Lady's Church, situated in Victoria street, Sunshine. One of the men, Mr. C. Sellars, broke the alarm, and the Sunshine Brigade was quickly on the scene. Pending the arrival of the Footscray Brigade, a number of men assisted the Sunshine firemen to handle the hoses. Cr. Alfred Lowe and his staff of painters worked very hard, as did Messrs C. Morton, J. Mullens, J. Carland, J. Martin, A. J. Boyd, A. Fox and F. Stephens. The efforts were unavailing however, for the fire had taken a strong hold on the wooden structure, and it was completely gutted, only the shell now remaining. The building was insured with the Catholic Church Properties Insurance Co., but it is stated that the amount will not nearly cover the loss sustained by the destruction of the building and the appointments. The church had just been repainted and a new organ purchased recently. It is all very unfortunate for the church people, who have worked so hard in recent years to raise the money for the erection of the splendid brick buildings on other parts of the allotment.

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