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FIRE IN CUNNINGSBURGH

On Wednesday morning a fire occurred at Cunningburgh, which totally destroyed the shop and stock belonging to Mr Peter Johnson, merchant there. The shop was closed as usual about 10 o' clock on Tuesday evening, and the fire was discovered by the driver of the mail gig about half past one o' clock on Wednesday morning. Mr John Irvine, postmaster, who resides close by went and knocked up the inmates of Johnson's house, and when Johnson came to the shop, about 10 minutes after, part of the roof had fallen in, and the flames were above the tops of the gables. There was a strong breeze blowing at the time, and nothing could be done in the way of putting out the fire and the whole place was burned, only the smoke-blackened stones of the building being left standing. There was a heavy stock of drapery and general goods in the shop which was all destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown. The stock was we understand insured.