

McHENRY HAS ANOTHER FIRE

**The Corner Store Has Narrow
Escape From Being To-
tally Destroyed.**

Tribune: McHenry escaped another serious fire on last Tuesday night, when for a time the Corner Store, owned by R. J. Howden, was thought to be doomed to total destruction.

At about 10:45 parties passing this place of business smelled smoke and upon investigation discovered that the building was on fire and immediately the alarm was turned in, and the fire boys responded in the usual prompt manner to find smoke issuing from a room just in the rear of the furniture department which was used as a store room and repair shop.

By hard work the flames were confined to this one room and in a very short time were under control. The fact that all entrances to the place were kept closed, and the diligent work of the fire boys, alone is responsible for the building standing today.

The smoke penetrated remote parts of the furniture department and as a result the greater portion of the goods therein was more or less damaged. Slight damage was also done to goods in parts of the main store.

Just how the fire originated is a mystery, as Mr. Best, the manager, states that in the afternoon he was working in the room where the fire was discovered and upon leaving this department at about 5:30 there was very little fire in the stove, consequently it is not reasonable to expect that the fire had its origin from the stove.

The thermometer at the hour of the fire registered several degrees below zero which made the efforts of the fire fighters extremely difficult.

The loss is quite hard to estimate at this time, owing to the absence of Mr. Howden, who, up to the time of going to press had not arrived, due to the delay of trains on the Soo railroad, he being at his office as register of deeds at the county seat. The loss, however, will be quite heavy.