

1864 Log Book

May 31. Tuesday, dew. fine about dawn N.E.
to Cuddons in the evening.

June 1. Wednesday, dew fine, calm, out with
the cart fair day & trade fair at home, to Cuddons
in the evening.

June 2. Thursday, ship fast, calm took out some
things to Papamui called at Triggs, up town 'N.m'
& Brown's, to Boggi's in the evening. Trade fair.

June 3. Friday, ship fast, by S.W. round by the
racecourse, up the Kendall town coast, dull,
Trade fair at home S.E. N. 5 P.M.

June 4. Saturday, fine, delivering potatoes & tele. com
in the shop P.M. A alarming fire in Ch. Ch. mine
P.M. broke out in Matson & Tolles's Premises, & spread
right & left carrying devastation before it, time 12.

Shop burnt & levelled to the ground, £12,000
damage done, & only about £6,500 insured, the
greatest losers are those who could least afford
it, many things changed hands illegally, a good
many light fingered gentles about, the Triangle
was saved by great exertions, wet blankets covered
over the City Hotel & water poured continually
over them, the wind by S.W. the flames burnt

itself out on the North side stopping at Hereford
street, & they were stopped on the South side by
pulling down several places & clearing away the
debris, an accident worthy of mention occurred, one
fellow made himself very conspicuous, climbing
about on the roofs of the houses & fastening ropes
to the roofs, & whilst the building, where on fire
he deserved to be well rewarded, the flames
where got under about mid night, but the fire-
brigade where about nearly all night. (Trade still)

June 5. Sunday, frost fine, N.E. Ch. morning &
evening, to look at the ruins P.M. what a sight
Crimmer's standing entire & pieces of timber & building
half burnt, enough to make one sigh & hard times
for many, well it is a lesson for Ch. Ch. not to
delay making reservoirs for water in the town
The Council have fenced off the street, to prevent
accidents at night.

& Brown's P.M. & to Cookham house in the evening.
June 6. Monday, frost fine calm, round the
foot of the hills, late home, trade brisk to
Cuddons in the evening.

June 7. Tuesday, frost fine, calm, delivering potatoes
& flour, A.M. up town to purchase some potatoes, rising