DAMAGE DONE

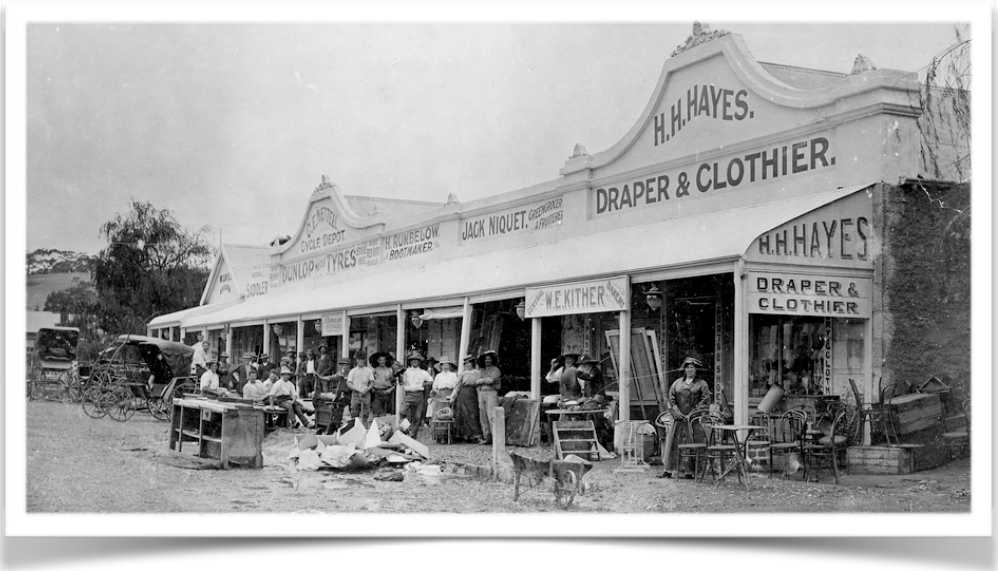
1894

'When taking into consideration the ravages made by the recent storm, the exhibition was a most successful one…Unfortunately the beauty [of the area] had this year been ruthlessly destroyed, for the terrific hailstorm which swept through the district…robbed the vineyards of their purple fruit, stripped the trees of their emerald treasures, and cut and whittled with relentless fury the surrounding foliage.'

The Advertiser, 9 Mar 1894, p 7.

'The fourth annual exhibition…was successful, notwithstanding the unprecedented hurricane which swept over the district. When it is considered that the damage is estimated at not a penny less than £3,000 some idea of its effects may be realised… there was plenty of room [in the show hall], as hardly a grape was shown, while the exhibition of fruits and vegetables was very scanty…Taking Jupiter Pluvius's pranks into consideration, the display of apples was very good.'

South Australian Register, 9 Mar 1894, p 3.



February 1913 - Flood damaged shop fronts on Murray Street.
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1913

The number of entries (1,058) was a record despite the lateness of the season and another drawback, the immense amount of damage to the area due to a storm which brought four inches of rain a fortnight ago causing local flooding. Gardens were washed out resulting in a loss of vegetables and currants but the grapes were improved. The dried fruit section fell away considerably on this occasion, owing to the lack of opportunities for drying. The exhibits of dairy produce were the smallest on record, due to the fact that several of the entrants did not bring any produce to the show, the reason being that the hot weather the previous day rendered the butter-making impracticable.