Hole Burnt In Roof Of Maroubra House

A fire in a house in Haig Street, Maroubra, late last night burnt a hole in the roof, 50ft by 20ft.

It destroyed a front bedroom and some furniture.

The owner of the house, Mrs. George Jenkinson, sat and watched the flames from a neighbour's house.

A neighbour called fire brigades from Malabar, Randwick, and Maroubra, which put the fire out in half an hour.

Mrs. Jenkinson said later, "I had finished a cigarette in the lounge and went to the front bedroom to talk to my mother, who is aged 70.

"I smelt the smoke coming from the lounge, and shouted to my 18-year-old daughter Madeleine to grab the baby and take her out.

"Meanwhile I hustled my mother and my other daughter, aged 13, from the house.

"I have always said the house was a fire-trap. The panelling inside is entirely of wood.

"I lost £150 worth of furs and a large sum of money."