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On Saturday evening last people of Regina and district were treated to a vibration, or quake of the earth, which is a new experience for this part of the world. The incident occurred between ten and twenty minutes after nine o'clock and was quite noticeable by persons in buildings. The sway of the higher buildings was quite perceptible and caused the occupants considerable alarm. People from the houses as well as from the large city buildings poured out onto the streets as soon as the shock was felt. Many incidents and experiences are related. Pictures flickered and many other results were noticed. So far as we have been able to ascertain no damage was done in the city outside the bad scare it gave a number of people. The tremor caused in the smaller houses was at first thought to be only the passing of a heavy vehicle, or a train, in some cases it was thought that an explosion had occurred.

After the shock had subsided many experiences were related which have no doubt been greatly exaggerated.

Toronto, May 17.--The seismograph at Toronto observatory registered a slight movement which would correspond with the shock felt through western Canada. There is no record of any serious vibration and it is not likely that any material damage has been done.

Buffalo, May 17.--Up to the present time the associated press has no report of earthquake damage, and it is likely that if the shock felt in western Canada on Saturday night is the tail end of some greater quake, it has occurred in some uninhabited region and no lives will be lost.

Winnipeg, Man., May 17.--For the first time which history has ever recorded such an event, a distinct earthquake shock occurred Saturday night throughout a large portion of western Canada. It appears to have extended across the whole of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and throughout southern Alberta. From some points two shocks were reported with a few seconds intervals, while at others there was only one tremor felt. No damage was done so far as has yet been learned, but much interest has been aroused by the experience of a phenomenon from which the northern part of the American continent has hitherto been supposed to be immune.

In Winnipeg only one shock was felt. It took place at 10:17 p.m. and lasted only a few seconds. It was apparently not perceptible to the majority of people on the streets, but to those who happened to be on the ground floors of buildings in the city. On the upper floors, however, the shaking was quite pronounced.

The shocks were worst from Mooseomin to Moose Jaw and from Weyburn in the south to Yorkton in the north.

The occurrence of an earthquake in the central plains of North America arouses at first only a feeling of astonishment. If there is any portion of the world's surface which might be considered immune from earthquakes, it would certainly be those plains with their enormous enunciated capping of sedimentary rock.

Earthquakes are intimately connected with volcanoes. They appear to be co-ordinate manifestations of the same similar subterranean forces. But earthquakes project their tremors to enormous distances from the focus of the disturbance. Where the originative shock took place, how great it was, and by what extraordinary deviation from the beaten track it manifested itself in tremors here may never be known.

But there must have been a most generous explosion somewhere unless the tremor was caused by some mechanical dislocation of rock strata which is barely possible, but not likely.

Brandon, Man., May 16.--At 10:16 p.m. last night a most distinct earthquake shock was felt in the city and was followed by three others, all taking place within a minute. The inconvenience that followed was experienced most at the electric light plant. The wires from the dam seven miles west of the city where electric power is generated, were interrupted to a certain extent and caused the lights to go out later in the evening for a short time.

The C.N.R. wires in the city were very slightly affected, but did not stop the work on them. The wires

of the Great Northern Telegraph fell in the western portion of the city, and were put out of commission for a time. Telephone connection was impossible for a few moments on account of no electric current and all the lights in the city went out.

People in their homes felt most distinct tremors, which caused windows, doors and other loose fixtures to rattle. At the experimental farm James Murray, superintendent, reports quite severe shakes, but no damage was done. In the Fleming block one of the oldest in the city, the windows rattled very loudly. Reports from Hartney and Deloraine are to the effect that glasses in the hotels were shaken off the bars and broken and the operators in the telegraph office state that pictures on the walls shook.

Saskatoon, May 16.--For at least twenty seconds last night the citizens were aware that the city had been overtaken by some seismic disturbance. Buildings rocked, dishes creaked, dishes rattled and the earth trembled--as a result frightened people turned white and looked inquiringly at each other as if to ask what was coming. It was exactly 9:15 when an unusual agitation was felt by almost everybody in the city, but before they realized what had happened everything was quiet once more and with many it did not dawn upon them for some time that it was a quake, such a thing never having been heard of in the prairie country within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant. Reports of similar shocks come from nearby places, but no serious damage has yet been reported though in many cases the people were seized with alarm and in some instances rushed from their houses thinking the end of the world had come.

Nokomis, Sask., May 16.--Citizens were astonished by an earthquake shock last night which lasted about 40 seconds beginning at 9:17 p.m. The tremor was very noticeable.

Indian Head, Sask., May 16.--Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here last night about 9:18 o'clock, lasting about fifteen seconds. The first shock was a mere tremor, but the second was so severe as to move the contents of houses and stores. Goods were shaken from the shelves in the stores. The second shock, which followed the first immediately, was a distinct lift and roll, the buildings moving perceptibly.

Moosomin, Sask., May 16.--A slight earthquake shock was felt here last night about 10:15 o'clock. It seemingly covered most of the town. C. P.R. Station Agent Trenouth, who was in bed at the time, states he could feel the bed moving and noticed the building shake. It was distinctly felt in the Hotel Grand and Governor hotel. The shock was felt more particularly on the second stories where dishes were rattled and lamps set swinging. Considerable consternation prevailed amongst those who felt it most. It was not noticeable on the streets.

Qu'Appelle, Sask., May 16.--On Saturday about 10:15 p.m. Qu'Appelle experienced a slight earthquake. For about ten seconds the ground and buildings swayed with a gentle undulating motion, but no damage was done.

Lanigan, Sask., May 16.--A distinct shock of earthquake lasting 30 seconds was felt in Lanigan at 9:18 Saturday evening, causing several houses to tremble and the contents to rattle violently.

Yorkton, Sask., May 16.--Last evening at 10:15 a shock was felt in every part of this district and is common talk today. So unmistakable was it that everyone notices it, and farmers in the country were telephoning in to ask if an explosion had occurred in town. It seemed to be travelling from west to east from the fact that furniture, doors, etc., on the west side of buildings were seen and heard to shake before those on the east side. Great alarm was felt at the time.

Moose Jaw, Sask., May 16.--A decided earthquake shock was felt at Moose Jaw last night about 9:20. The shock lasted about thirty seconds. There was no noise accompanying the shock, but buildings according to his Worship Mayor Scott, with his Worship Mayor Wilkie, Maple Creek, Sask., May 16.--A heavy earthquake shock was felt here at 9:30 o'clock last night. The shock lasted only a few seconds and was felt with some force all over town, people rushing out upon the streets to learn the cause of it.

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Weyburn, Sask., May 16.--A slight tremor of an earthquake passed under the town last evening at about 9:20. Though slight it was strong enough to tumble the contents from mantles to the floor.

Wolsley, Sask., May 16.--A distinct earthquake was felt through the town here at about 9:15 last evening. In some of the business places goods hanging from ceilings were seen moving for a couple of seconds. No damage has been reported.

EQUALITY FOR CATHOLICS

Bill Discussed in British House of Commons to Remove Restrictions Against Roman Catholics--Premier Asquith Endorses the Bill.

London, May 14.--In the house of commons today the bill which removes many legal restrictions existing in Great Britain against those of the Roman Catholic faith was debated. The discussion opened with the reading of a petition from Ireland containing 500,000 signatures opposing the pro-Catholic bill under debate.

This bill allows the Jesuit order and others of the Roman Catholic church to acquire property in England and also throws open the offices of Lord Chancellor and Lord Lieutenant to Catholics. If the bill is enacted it will reinstate much lost power of the church in Great Britain and restore some of the prestige it held before the time of Henry VIII.

The measure proposed has created much interest throughout the Kingdom and its fate is keenly watched. The comprehensive bill for the removal of Roman Catholic disabilities and providing for a change in the accession oath taken by the British sovereign was introduced by William Redmond in the house of Commons today and injected a variety of dullness in the debate.

Roman Catholics never have ceased to inveigh against "insulting references" to certain beliefs as superstitions and idolatrous in the monarch's accession declaration. "The same opposition that hitherto has defeated any effort to alter the oath appeared again when a petition signed by 300,000 persons against the removal of Catholic disabilities was handed in just before Redmond arose. Redmond's bill not only would remove what is regarded as the objectionable portion of the oath, but would repeal the acts prohibiting residence and acquisition of property by Jesuits and other Monastic orders. It would also abolish disqualification which prevents Catholics from filling the offices of Lord Chancellor of Great Britain and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Premier Asquith spoke early and gave his cordial support to the bill. He declared the exclusion of Roman Catholics from the Lord Chancellorship and Lord Lieutenant was unjustifiable on the grounds of either

logic or policy. Regarding the oath of accession the premier said this declaration was framed in the worst period of British history. The language therein could not be justified and the time had come to put an end to it. He suggested that if parliament was opposed to an abolition declaration, a committee should be appointed to devise a form of words that would be mutually satisfactory.

Baseball

The baseball season was opened in Regina on Monday evening when a league game between Regina and Moose Jaw professional ball teams was played on the local diamond in Railway Park in the presence of about 1,500 spectators. The first ball over the plate was tossed by Premier Scott, with his worship Mayor Williams at the bat.

The games between the two teams commenced at half past five and lasted until after seven o'clock. Regina boys scoring four runs and Moose Jaw three. Last week games between the two teams were played at Moose Jaw where the Moose Jaw boys won every game.

The game last evening resulted in another win for the home team, the score being Regina 5 and Moose Jaw 2.

Brockville, May 14.--Elmer Penock, a third year student of medicine at Queen's University, went violently insane yesterday, and by his mother managing to elude him, a tragedy would have resulted. The mother and son were alone in the house, the former was awakened by her son standing over her and attempting to choke her. She managed to run out of the house into a neighbor's, from whence assistance was summoned. The student fought desperately before he was overpowered and locked up. He had failed in his recent examinations. He has been sent to an asylum.

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