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asties. 3 packages Filled with thousands of loose na Marmalade, 3 lbs. pers, the flames leaped from stand to stand with an almost inconceivable Rice, Pot Barley, 6 II Green Gage 6 lbs. regidity. At the same time the smoke Full Bodied loned forth in dense clouds of suffo cating volume. While-an alarm was instantly raised, the escape of mem-Sunkist Orange bers, of people in the galleries and the FRUITS California house staff, with so small a list of missing, is remarkable.

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Quickly by flames.

Grape Fruit, 4 for

By a Staff Reporter. TTAWA, Feb. 3.-Canada's par- lost, and there may be more. The loss shouted: "Fire-and a big one." liament buildings, the finest is impossible to estimate, but ten million dollars is believed to be an ap-Gothic structure in America, proximate figure.

were completely destroyed by Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Morin of Quebec quickly City were found dead in the Speaker's continons champer, the roof of which fell in. The Speaker's chambers fire tonight: only the bare walls are. when the conflagration started at 8.50 chambers, when the police and fire- were destroyed with their many men forced an entrance. The two valuable paintings and costly furp.m. By midnight all hope had been women were friends of Madame Se-nishings. There were a number of persons in the galleries of the comabandoned of saving any portion of rigny, wife of the Speaker, and had persons in the galienes of the fourty been visiting her for some days. the wings except perhaps the parliamentary library, but even that is Madame Sevigny herself escaped by row stairways to safety. Several doubtful. It is probable that parliajumping from a second-storey win-dow. She was somewhat bruised, but aided many to battle their way out. ment will meet tomorrow in the Russell Theatre. The fire is believed to be the work of incendiaries, and is not believed to be severely injured. Two soldiers were taken to the hos

Sir Sam in Charge. General Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, has issued orders to the militia, who are on guard duty at every point of ingress and egress on the Canadian border, to exercise the utof overseas troops in training here apparel.

most vigilance, so that no persons may pass without thoroly staff, were present at the scene, and ber to my rootn, which is near the accounting for themselves. The Dominion police have also been notified building. everywhere and the United States The fire broke out in the reading ber

authorities have been apprised of the occurrence at Ottawa tonight, so ! commons in the main building of the that every effort will be made to prevent the escape of any persons suspected of participation in the firtrol of the firemen and spreading to ing of the buildings. At 1 o'clock one of the walls of the building collapsed and four men lost their lives, two policement and two messengers, who were endeavoring to save some by the dense smoke, and others injurvaluable parliamentary records that ed. ; The damage cannot yet be esti

had been thrown out of windows mated. Members of the house of commons, earlier in the evening. Two lives were lost within the building, a pum n the chamber and in the various parber of persons are budly scorene inmentary offices, had to fight their and many are suffering from suffeway to safety. People in the upper

storeys of the building had narrow es-The fire, which broke out at 9 o'clock, capes, scores having to be taken out in the commons reading room, swept by ladders.

ary down the corri

Minister Injured

dors, and leaped to the galleries, and Hon Martin Burrell, minister in the space of three minutes had filled agriculture, I whose office is off the the whole wing with an impenetrable reading room, escaped thru tongues of volume of smoke. It was followed flame and was badly burned about the

Four men are reported to be buried in the ruins, but the flerceness of the fire has so far prevented search for the bodies. They were puried by a fallhatless and coatless, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier was not in the house. So fa

as can be ascertained at this hour, all he members are safe.

larmed the members in the chamber. He was on his way to his room, which s near the library, when he heard an

been caused by spontaneous combus-

Spread Rapidly. Despite every effort of the fire

men, the fire rapidly spread thru the great corridors of the main building, eating its way thru the soldiers assisted the people in mak-

pital badly cut with falling glass. Mayor Martin of Montreal told told his No sooner had the alarm sounded Mayor Martin of Montreal total as story shortly after his arrival at the than General Hughes took control of Chuteau Laurier. He escaped uninthe situation and the 77th Regiment, jured, but was mourning the loss of the Engineers and other detachments his fur coat, cap and other wearing

Heard an Explosion.

a cordon of troops surrounded the library," said Mayor Martin, "and had gone thru the door on the east side of the house of commons chamwhen I heard an explosion room adjacent to the chamber of the Whether it was caused by spontar eous combustion or the sudden fire among the newspapers I was unable parliament houses, and rapidly spread. to say, but instantaneously flames At midnight it was still beyond con- shot cut from the reading room, and

I realized that there was a blaze. My first thought was of the fire extinthe senate side of the building. Six guisher which was nearby, lives are known to/have been lost, policemen were then endeavoring to while scores of people were overcome press it into service and I turned running into the chamber.

Fire-And a Big One. Deputy Speaker Rhodes was in the hair and everything there was tranquil until I dashed thru the door and "Fire-and a big one! houted. prridor was filled with smoke and

flames were beginning to shoot toward the chamber. J then cried for the members to get out, and ran around by Room 16, giving the alarm there and escaping into the open air.

saw them helping one of the min-

Mayor Martin of Montreal first 11 a.m

put a hat on my head as I came out White was in uniform, and after leav- liament was the work of an incendiary, door. of the building.

"I reached the chateau about 9.15 and imatediately put in an order for the Montreal fire brigade. I notified Chief Tremblay to send as many men as possible taking this step as a that fittle of the building could be savbut feared that other fires would in the restaurant at the time and the but feared that other fires would be wer corridors filled with smoke so break out. These are serious times and the unexpected has happened so often that I wished to have every pro-tection possible. I believe that all the way, however, along to the southwest escaped. There were only about 50 in the chamber when I shout-ed fire. Flames shot along the corridors at an awful rate and it seemed arose the ci just a few seconds until the whole are coming." lace was black with smoke, making

couse and to this many of the memers probably owe their escape." W. R. Bradbury, stock broker of El-

gin street, also related some interest-ing incidents in connection with the fire. Mr. Bradbury was standing in the main corridor of the house of ommons, near the postoffice, when he card a crash. He rushed along the orridor toward the main entrance to he chamber.

"It appeared to break out in an instant, said MF. Diadbury. I was standing near the postoffice when I heard the crash. Then I turned and saw several of the policemen and mes-sengers hurrying along toward the reading-room. I then went into room the work were able to scale down. Some of the firemen remained in the place long after they bad seved these inside and they suf-16, where many of the Conservative nembers were, and shouted 'Fire!' Be- fered severely from smoke. One or fore reaching that room there was another explosion of some kind, which sections of the room collapsed, but knocked me off my feet. The members corner remained intact. soon came running out of room 16, and from the chamber they also poured. I helped get David Henderson out. He was not injured at all. Within a few minutes that section of the building near the reading-room was a mass of seething flames. One of the messengers told me that all the members

Major Gerald White, M.P., confirm sters, I think it was Mr, Burrell, with regard to the separate explosions. sters, I think it was Mr, Burrell, with regard to the separate explosions. He was in room 16 when the alarm Clarke, who had been burned about rang out, and was one of the last to he face and hands. I escaped with-but a scratch but had to come to the members out. The majority left coats,

ing the building he assisted with the and in the absence of confirmation the Sir Robert Borden, who was work-work of rescuing several who had been stories of Mayor Martin, Mr. Brad- ing in his room, had a narrow escape and work of rescuing several who had been trapped in the upper rooms in the southwest wing.

Spectacular Rescues Some of the most spectacular resbuilding. There were many employe: quickly that they were unable to get McNutt. "When I opened the lavatory corner and reached the windows look-ing down on the front. They were soon noticed there and from hundreds arose the cry, "Don't jump; ladders are coming".

not go thru that smoke and fire, so we Colonel Sam Hughes, minister of militia, was in the crowd at this point We went to the nearest window. Never considering what was below, we seizlace was black with the result was not militia, was in the crowd at this point impossible to see. There was not militia, was in the crowd at this point and he too helped gallantly in the auch confusion on the floor of the memed towels and made a rope with them. work of rescue. It was very difficult to get the men and women out here as they were sixty feet abov the which is used to open the windows. ground and thre was not a fire es- Dr. Cash went first thru the window

## cape anywhere to be seen. Escaped by Ladders.

Fire Chief Granam's men, aided by embers of the 77th and the city and Dominion policemon, rushed ladders

had saved those inside, and they suftwo crashes shook the place as t the fire came. Chief Graham's men d'd great work at this par-Rogers, in describing the scene. "There was a sudden burst of smoke point, tho it was necessary to relieve them from time to time. Perlike a thunderbolt from the direction relieve them from time to time. Fer-haps the greatest handleap to the fire-bien was the lack of fire-oscapes. The icy walks made things more difficult and two or three were knocked out in their efforts to hustle the hose coup-

Looking for Friends.

Hundreds hastened toward the hill when the second alarm went in and those rushing toward, the scene came the alarm was given. "I went out of the chamber and found the whole those rushing toward, the sechar the chamber and found the whole upon many of the members, hurrying down. Some had handkerchiefs tied around their heads and others their coats up to protect their ears. Many two away. I went out thru the sechar had been slightly bruised and the ma-ipority were inquiring after friends, whom they had lost in the scramble very excited and said he believed whom they had lost in the scramble or the exits. Afterwards the rotundas there were three or four members in-Together we tried to return of the various hotels were thronged sile. with members and friends, who anx-iously inquired after those who were the great volume of smoke which was in the senate or house of commons pouring thru. It was appalling."

then the fire broke out. Hon. Robert Rogers lost his over-

oat and scores of the members were the same plight. Mayor Martin of Montreal watched

e hre from his room in the Chateau, huge reflection indicating within a short time that the greater part of the building was doomed. Many seem-ed to take it for granted that the dis-dragged thru the smoke-laden cor-Temperance street,

Six lives are known to have been mediately rushed to the chamber and chateau without my coat. Some one hats and everything behind. Major astrous outbreak in the seat of par- ridors, to the outside of the main

stories of Mayor Martin, Mr. Brad- had to flee without hat or overcoat. bury and others were eagerly listened bad to flee without hat or overcoat. Dr. Clark of Red Deer had likewise close call and was nearly smother

Glass Gave Alarm.

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Thrilling Escapes. ed. He had to be carried out to the

Thomas McNutt, M.P. for Saltcoats, open air. Sask., and Dr. Cash for Yorkton, Sask., nad thrilling escapes. They were in The house was in session the lavatory when the fire assumed big time the fire broke out. W. S. Loggie proportions, but neither member knew of New Brunswick was discussing the the building was on fire. "I had a narrow escape," said Mr.

improvement of the Canadian fish trade when the chamber was startled Frank Glass, member for East Middlesex, rushing in the front door and shouting: "The buildings are on

At once the startled members and a We went to the nearest window. Never We went to the nearest window. Never followed by the Speaker and sergeantat-arms. They were astounded to find This rope of towels we tied to a stick the corridors filled with heavy, snicke, and the members barely had time to grab their coats. Indeed, most and down the rope. He must have fallen 20 feet. By now one of the careof them ran for safety bareheaded. Fortunately there were few visitors takers, a French-Canadian, joined me. in the gallery or the loss of life must have been appalling, as, it was almost He came running along with a ladder. This we lowered and placed on the impossible for them to reach safety. A by toward the main entrance to about it is to be and soon threatened the infortunate employes had been trapped. The latter remain-us near the postoffice when I ed cool, however, and in about fifteen to the postoffice when I ed cool, however, and in about fifteen to the toward the the postoffice when I ed cool, however, and in about fifteen to the toward the to floor of the wall outside.. I went first half dozen soldiers, who loss of life in this gallery, as there were a number of visitors there, and

they believed they were overcome. They tried to locate them, but in the black smoke and darkness they were Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of

bublic works, was in the commons hamber when the first intimation of unable to find them. It is feared also that there is a loss of life in the library. It is an octagonal building, and the interior is of wood, so that when the fire started it burned with "It was all very sudden," said Mr.

extraordinary fierceness and rapidity. The library, which was the finest in Canada, and one of the finest on the continent, is a total loss. There were many priceless treasures in it which it will be impossible to replace. would probably have cost me my

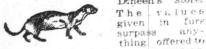
Sir Robert Borden took command of the work of rescue and fire fighting but there was little that could be done. The First Explosion.

At 9.35 p.m. there was a loud de

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BIG FUR SELLING DAY.

Yesterday was one of the big fur selling events in the history of the Dineen's store.



Toronto people during many seasons. Nowadays a person does not buy Flames Spread Quickly. The fire started in the beautiful Nowadays a person does not ibrary building at the north side of furs until after considering all the commons and overlooking the Ot- cpportunities offered in price reduc tawa River. It spread with extra- tions. Dineen's invite inspection and ordinary rapidity. Hon. Martin Bur-



nouncement at midnight:

"The house of commons will meet this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. The place will be announced today. Members can obtain information as to the place of meeting at the privy council office at any time after

The premier said that the place would be either the Russell Theatre of explosion, which may or may not have the government offices of the board of railway commissioners.

Asked as to whether the session would be adjourned, the premier re tion among the newspapers. He im- plied that he and his colleagues had not yet considered the question.

with regard to the separate explosions.

lings. had escaped from the chamber." d the announcement of Mr. Bradbury

rang out, and was one of the last to

of water but, escaped with slight in-juries. Sir Robert Borden escaped House Meets Today at 3

OTTAWA, Feb. 4 .- Sir Robert L. Borden made the following an-