

AN EARTHQUAKE.

Unusual Phenomena---The
City Shaken!!

PANICS, FRIGHTS, FEARS AND SURPRISES.

At six minutes to eight o'clock, last night, a sharp Shock of Earthquake, a most unusual phenomenon at this time of the year, was experienced in the city and suburbs. It seemed to move from

West to East,

and lasted about thirty seconds. It was accompanied by a low rumbling sound, resembling distant thunder, and while it lasted, created the utmost consternation in all parts of the town. Houses were rocked to their foundations, the spires of the Churches were observed to reel like trees in the wind, windows shook violently, doors swung open as if by magic, bells rung, chairs and tables were made to dance, and all the usual happenings of an earthquake noted.

Where Felt.

The shock was severely felt at Riviere du Loup, Green Island, Metis, Three Rivers and other places. The shock was more severely felt in the elevated portions of the city. Persons in the Upper Town Market state that the ground moved with an undulatory motion, like that of rough water. The worshippers in the Methodist Church, where a Union Prayer Meeting was being held, felt the building rock violently, and a sudden panic seized many, who made a rush for the door. Calm was, however, shortly restored.

In the Stadacona Club

Many gentlemen were congregated, and much surprise was felt at the unusual and unaccountable disturbance. There the shock was felt with peculiar force, and a general rush to the street took place.

At a dinner party given by a gentleman on the Esplanade, soup was shaken out of the plates, and wine spilled from the glasses of the guests.

In the Streets

the shock was not very generally felt by passengers, but the outrush of people from the houses soon created a tremendous excitement in the more crowded thoroughfares, and knots of eager, surprised and startled men and women were everywhere to be seen.

In Lower Town

It was at first thought that a portion of the rock had fallen, and many started for Diamond Harbor to see if anything of the kind had occurred. A person who was on the ice-bridge at the time, assures us that he felt the ice rise and fall in the most alarming manner; others, who were likewise on the bridge, experienced nothing unusual. In St. Roch's and St. Saviour the shock was sharply felt.

In the "Chronicle" Office

type danced and rattled in the cases, and the sensation was as if a large press had been suddenly started at a high rate of speed.

No Accidents

have been as yet reported. It was remarked that the sky, which before the earthquake was overcast and cloudy, afterwards became clear and starry.

Of Course

all manner of wild rumors were flying about the city during the night, losing nothing in transmission. In the course of the day, as may be expected, further particulars will be learned, which will be duly chronicled.