

EARTH TREMOR AT CANBERRA

CANBERRA, March 11.—Terrified women and children ran into the streets screaming when the worst tremor in the history of the district shook Canberra early today. Buildings shook, windows rattled, crockery was broken, the walls of some buildings cracked, and furniture shifted out of posi-

Canberra experienced two tremors, the second, occurring at 8.33 a.m., being the more severe and lasted several seconds.

A safe in Parliament House was dislodged from its position and a picture of the McDonald Ministry was shaken from the wall.

A third shock, accompanied by a rumbling sound, occurred at 1.30 p.m.

In one guest house the tremor caused the doors of bedrooms to fly open and startled guests ran into corridors as the building rocked.

A man who was having a shower when the tremor occurred said it threw him off his balance and he slipped into the bottom of the bath.

TOOK PRECAUTIONS

SYDNEY, March 11.—Many residents of the Gunning district, about 130 miles southwest of Sydney, spread their crockery on the floor before they went to bed tonight. They were afraid that earth tremors during the night might throw it from shelves and cupboards and smash it.

The strongest earth tremors recorded in New South Wales for 15 years shook Gunning and about 30,000 square miles of the State early this morning. The shock was felt in Sydney and Katoomba.

The Gunning district is likely to feel tremors for several days, according to Father O'Connell, director of River-view observatory, which recorded the first and most violent tremor in Sydney at 8.31

recorded the first and most violent tremor in Sydney at 8.31 a.m. The tremor lasted only about 15 seconds in Sydney, rattling tables and spilling hot tea from breakfast cups. It was centred at Dalton, about 15 miles from Gunning where, the first violent tremor, residents ran into the street fearing an earthquake and cattle bolted in panic.