

Terrified by Earth Tremor

- CANBERRA, Friday.—Terrified women and children ran into the streets screaming when the worst earth tremor in the history of the district shook Canberra early to-day.

The buildings shook, windows rattled, crockery was broken, and the walls of some buildings were cracked and furniture shifted out of position.

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

Canberra experienced three tremors, the second, occurring at 8.33 a.m., being the most severe, and lasting several seconds.

A third shock, accompanied by a rumbling, occurred at 1.30 p.m. In one guest house the tremor caused doors of bedrooms to fly open and startled guests ran into the corridors.

SYDNEY, Friday.—A severe earth tremor with its centre at Dalton, near Gunning, was felt throughout many parts of the State at 8.30 this morning.

In Sydney, the tremor was not severe, but other areas reported that buildings rocked, walls crack-

ed, chimneys swayed, and water tanks burst.

More than 100 bottles of liquor were smashed in an hotel, and some areas reported cattle panicked when the the tremor was felt.

At Gunning, reports were that the first shock lasted 18 seconds and was followed by minor tremors until 11.30 in the morning.

The tremor was felt in many Sydney suburbs. Country centres which reported tremors included Katoomba, Blackheath, Leura, Penrith, Canberra, Mittagong, Gunning, Dalton, Wagga, Junee, Harefield, Kiama, Albion

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The director of the Riverview Observatory (Fr. O'Connell) said the first tremor was at 8.30

The licensee of the Royal Hotel at Dalton (Mr. Edward Cahill) said he was dressing when the tremor began. "The bedroom rocked and I was showered with plaster," he added. "There was shat-

tering of glass and downstairs more than 100 bottles of liquor were smashed."

Gunning residents said the tremor was preceded by a noise resembling a big explosion.

There was a good deal of damage to houses in the Gunning area.

•Dalton was hit by two more severe tremors this afternoon.

No one has been injured there, but 13 people were found wandering in the streets in a dazed condition, and treated for shock.

Children fled from the Dalton School when the second severe tremor struck at 1.35 p.m. It was followed by another at 3.45 p.m.

To-night, most of the town's 300 residents, were walking the streets fearful of a further severe tremor.

Old residents say it is usual for a further and more severe tremor to follow about 18 hours after the first.