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Earthquake

An alarming earthquake was felt in this town and the adjoining country as far as we have heard, about 15 m past two o'clock yesterday morning. The shocks, which continued (until) after day, were some of them very severe - so much so that the heaviest houses seemed to be racked to pieces, however we have heard of no real injury sustained, except the fall of some chimneys in the country.

This being the first shock of the kind ever felt in the place and commencing at the hour it did, terrified the citizens at first very much, until recollection assigned the true cause of the dreadful visitation.

It is generally supposed that an eruption or concussion must have taken place to the south, and we wait with anxiety until we hear from the southern country.