
POLICE BARRACKS AT STETTLER DESTROYED

Explosion Causes Fire—Origin Doubtful—Most of Re- cords Lost

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Edmonton, Alta., March 6.—An explosion occurred in the basement of the Mounted Police barracks at Stettler shortly before 7 o'clock this morning. The building was badly shaken, and immediately

Sergeant Canow and two others were in bed at the time, and their way out with difficulty, the smoke almost suffocating them. With Inspector Townsend, whose house is just a few feet away, they rescued a few of the contents, but most of the police records are thought to be destroyed. When the town brigade arrived the building was completely in flames.

There was strong suspicion at first that the fire was of incendiary origin, the detachment having been active recently in prosecuting certain **alien enemies** for distributing newspapers on the prohibited list. But the possibility of the furnace being responsible for the blaze is now admitted. In the meanwhile the police are making no statement, pending a complete investigation.
