

FIRE IN ST. THOMAS

THE COURT HOUSE IN FLAMES AT MIDNIGHT

And Likely to Be Totally Destroyed – The Roof Falls In –

Jail and Jailer's Residence Safe – Fire Supposed to be the Work of an Incendiary

A telephone message was received from St. Thomas at 12:30 o'clock this morning announcing that the county court house in that city was on fire, and was likely to be totally destroyed.

The fire, which is suppose to have started in the cupola, burned with great rapidity, despite the efforts of the brigade, and at midnight the roof of the building collapsed.

The jail and jailer's residence, situated in the rear of the court house, were considered to be out of the reach of the blaze.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

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