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Fireplaces in the Press Gallery

Charles Marston describes the fireplaces used in the House Press Gallery during his tenure on the Hill.
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The fireplaces were in each room. The main press gallery has two fireplaces which would burn every day up until sometime. I don't know whether they'd still be doing it or not. But they had two fireplaces in the main room. And they brought wood every day that went into these window seats, which was a seat that had a hinge on it that opens up. And this is for the storage of wood. And that was very popular. Had it going winter and summer. Both fireplaces in the main gallery. They had a wood, wood cart that would come up, had a wood man they called him, to bring wood, cart wood. And he'd refill the window boxes, window seats. It was a warm feeling.