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MAY BE A BREAK IN THE COMBINE
British Insurance Company Threatens to Go Out of Association.

IMMIGRATION BOOMING.
teen Thousand Have Left the Old Country Since January for Canada, and Steamers Have Full Lists or Weeks to Come—Booth's Colonization Scheme Progressing.

FAMILY AT BAY WHILE HE KILLED HIMSELF
Mr. Bodwell, who drew a revolver and shot himself, is reported to have been in the company of his brother-in-law, Mr. Atkinson, at the time of the shooting.

CENTENARY COMMITTEE FILLS PLACE OF TRADES PROCESSION
Action Taken by Trades and Labor Council at Recent Meeting—Decide in Favor of Military Demonstration and Unveiling of Soldiers' Monument, Followed by Turnout of Man-o'-Warsmen.

RECAPITULATION OF THE CENTENARY PROGRAMME
The centenary programme has under a change, due in part to the amendment of the Trades and Labor Council, at their meeting on the 15th inst.

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MORE RUMORS OF I. C. R. CHANGES.
C. R. Palmer to Be Succeeded by W. F. Taylor, Formerly of Hillsboro.

NEW PAYMASTER.
Harvey Atkinson, Now of British Columbia and Brother-in-Law of Minister of Railways, Slated for the Job—Engineer Chas. McCarthy to Take Place of W. C. Hunter.

ONTARIO'S FIRST RHODES' SCHOLAR.
Toronto, May 16.—(Special)—The University of Toronto has awarded the first of the Rhodes scholarships coming to Ontario to E. R. Paterson, B. A., a Toronto graduate of two years ago.

THE NAUPELUS REGATTA.
R. Frith reported for the Neptune Club's work in connection with the harbor regatta. The club had sent Harry Ervin to Halifax to see what could be done there.

AMATEUR STUNTS.
Amateur stunts, one and a half miles with turn, silver cup. Man-o'-war race in girls, one and a half miles with turn, \$20 and \$10.

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RUSSIAN MAINE BLOWS UP JAPANESE CRUISER.

Six Seamen Killed and Many Injured by Explosion.
Japs Are Reported to Be Besieging Russian Stronghold—Fifty Miles of Port Arthur Railway Destroyed—New British Ambassador at St. Petersburg on Important Mission.

Washington, May 16.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from Tokyo: "Admiral Kataoka reports that on May 14 our torpedo boat flotilla contained the sweeping operations under cover of the fleet. The enemy conducted temporary batteries on the promontory at Kerr Bay, Tallenwan, mounting six field guns, besides a hastily constructed fort and with one company of soldiers actively resisting our attack. Our torpedo flotilla defying the enemy's fire carried out the operations and destroyed five mines laid by the enemy. Unfortunately one of the mines exploded and sank our cruiser Miyako. In this accident six men were killed beside the two who were wounded during the fight."

Japs Vigorously Besieging Port Arthur.
London, May 17.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, cabling under date of May 16, says that according to native reports from Port Arthur the Japanese are vigorously besieging the fortress night and day by land and sea; that sixty Japanese warships and transports have been sighted in Blackney Bay and that heavy fighting has been heard in Kin Chai Bay.

Russia Gratified Over Japs' Loss.
St. Petersburg, May 17, 2:35 a. m.—Owing to the interruption of communication with Port Arthur the admiralty has no information of its own either regarding the loss of the Japanese cruiser Miyako or the capture of the Russian battleship. The admiralty was awaiting news of either incident point out the feasibility of the launch exploit, since the Japanese ships have been reported from small boats, an invention of the late Vice Admiral Makaroff, was utilized in the Russo-Turkish war. Whether or not the Japanese ships have been reported as having been captured, the admiralty was awaiting news of either incident point out the feasibility of the launch exploit, since the Japanese ships have been reported from small boats, an invention of the late Vice Admiral Makaroff, was utilized in the Russo-Turkish war.

Big Battle Imminent.
Washington, May 16.—Information has reached the officials here that a great battle is imminent in the vicinity of Liao-tang where the Russians are determined to make a stand. The rumor cannot be traced to its source.

China Will Remain Neutral.
St. Petersburg, May 16.—In order to allay Russian apprehensions as to the attitude of China, the Chinese minister here gave a foreign minister Lamsdorff fresh assurances of the purpose of his government not to violate its neutrality and to preserve tranquility throughout the empire. The assurances which are based on despatches received from the Chinese foreign office and Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai, the commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces, set forth in the most positive terms that there is absolutely no ground to believe that China will depart from her proclaimed attitude of neutrality.

ENORMOUS BOSTON MEETING FAVORS RECIPROcity WITH CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND
Boston, May 16.—The mass meeting tonight in Faneuil Hall, called by President H. M. Whitney, of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, in answer to a petition signed by over 20,000 business men of Massachusetts, to further the cause of reciprocity with Canada and Newfoundland, was largely attended while the energetic speaker, who was somewhat sensational, appealed toward the close served to arouse great enthusiasm.

ST. JOHN RIVER WATERS FALL FAST.

Eighteen Inches of a Drop in Twenty-four Hours, and Raining, Too.
SPRUCE DOWN TO \$9.

Hemlock Also Drops to \$4 Per Thousand—U. N. B. Examinations Begin Friday—Deputy Minister of Agriculture Peters Starts on Orchard Planting Tour.

Fredericton, May 16.—(Special)—Although it has been raining here the greater part of the day the water in the river is still falling, having gone down six inches since morning and a foot since last night. Few logs are running in the river this evening. So far the weather shows no signs of clearing.

Francis B. Lowell, organist of the Cathedral, acted as conductor. A number of rats of bank logs came down on Sprucehill today. Spruce logs brought \$9 per thousand while hemlock logs sold for \$4 per thousand.

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HALIFAX FISHERY AWARD UP IN HOUSE

Minister of Justice States That Supreme Court Will Decide Matter.
G. T. P. AMENDMENTS.

Ottawa, May 16.—(Special)—Mr. Fitzpatrick, in parliament today, in reply to R. L. Borden, said that he had an interview with the representatives of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and arranged for submitting a test case to the Supreme Court to decide the provincial claim for a portion of the Halifax fishing award. A series of questions had been drawn up and all that had to be done was to arrange the form which they should take.

Mr. Sifton in answer to a question said that 36,000 new settlers arrived in Canada during the first four months of this year. The number of homestead entries for the same period was 19,500.

When the G. T. P. debate was reached today, Mr. Bell (Fredericton), moved that the Imperial Bureau established by the Salvation Army, for the promotion of emigration to the colonies. Mr. Prouton had no authority to support such a scheme.

Mr. Oliver, speaking of Dr. Roche's amendment, said that the whole policy of the opposition last session and the present one was one of obstruction to prevent the people of the west getting relief from the monopoly which now existed there, and now to complete the work of the amendment.

Trustees of the Different Parishes Around Riverside, Albert County, Agreed on Porter Island as the Spot.
Riverside, A. Co., May 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Avery Prosser, of Parkendale, have moved to Riverside for the summer.

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HUBBARD'S BODY ON THE WAY HOME.

Long Journey of Dead New York Editor's Companions Nearly at End.
Men Brought the Coffin on a Dog Sled from the Wilds of Labrador and Took 78 Days in Travelling 475 Miles, Taking Two Months' Time.

St. John's, Nfld., May 16.—The sealing steamer Aurora, which has been landing machinery for the whale factory at Cape Charles Labrador, returned to Wesleyville, 100 miles north of here, this morning, bringing the dead body of Leonard Hubbard, Jr., assistant editor of Outlook, who perished in the interior of Labrador last October while on an exploring expedition. The Aurora also brought Hubbard's companions, John Walker, a lawyer of New York, and Frank Elson, a half-breed guide.

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Cologne, May 16.—The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette telegraphs that private despatches from the Cameroons say the Cross River rebels have been completely crushed, after an obstinate fight, by a British force in the territory of Southern Nigeria. The British losses were heavy. Thirteen officers and non-commissioned officers were killed.

Governor Von Puttkammer, of the Cameroons, called to Berlin March 23 that the revolt of the natives had spread to Cross River, one of the points marking the boundary of German territory in West Africa, and had extended to British territory Nigeria, and that the British customs station at Obokum was attacked on March 10.

The governor added that Col. Mueller was at Cross River and had the situation in hand.

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