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peculiar feature being that of a very full selection from the English and American newspapers.

There is nothing more remarkable in the history of Halifax, during the first half-century of its existence, than the fluctuation of the population; it far more resembled the tide than the stream; in place of a steady flow increasing gradually in volume, and emptying itself into the reservoir, it now rushed like the tide at full moon, until it reached its highest mark, and then receded with an ebb as rapid, leaving only the original number, as the main water is left in the channel of an estuary. And thus at the close of the century there was but a very slight difference in Halifax, as regards its population, from the beginning of it.