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s to the following Timber Claims,
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IM NO. 5. Starting from a post
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g on the East shore of "Bonanza"
about 1¼ miles from Southeast cor-
Claim No. 4, thence W. 40 chains,
N. 20 chains, thence W. 120 chains,
N. 80 chains, more or less, to in-
the S. boundary of Claim No. 4,
E. along line of shoreline of Lake,
following shoreline back to point
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IM NO. 6. Starting from a post
d Chambers, Smith & Lansdowne's
Corner of Claim No. 6, and planted
two miles South of S. E. corner of
No. 5, thence running W. 40 chains,
chains, W. 40 chains, N. 40 chains,
chains, N. 40 chains, W. 20 chains,
chains, more or less, to intersect S.
ry of Claim No. 5, thence follow-
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IM NO. 7. Starting from a post
d Chambers, Smith & Lansdowne S.
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les from the head of the Lake, on
st shore, thence running East 60
thence North 80 chains, thence
120 chains, more or less, to Lake
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d Chambers, Smith & Lansdowne
Corner of Claim No. 8, planted on
hore of Lake, thence running E. 80
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following shoreline back to point
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IM NO. 9. Starting from a post
d Chambers, Smith & Lansdowne's
Corner of Claim No. 9, and planted
½ mile N. of N. W. corner of Claim
on Lake shore, thence running N.
ains, thence E. 80 chains, thence S.
ains to Lake shore, thence following
shore back to point of commence-

IM NO. 10.—Starting from a post
d Chambers, Smith & Lansdowne's
Corner of Claim No. 10, planted on
re of Lake, at the S. W. corner of
No. 9, thence running N. 80 chains,
W. 40 chains, thence N. 40 chains,
W. 80 chains, more or less, to
shore, thence following Lake shore
o place of commencement.

IM NO. 11. Starting from the S. E.
of Claim No. 2, thence running 40
N., thence 40 chains E., thence
ains S., thence 20 chains E., thence
ains S. to intersect N. boundary of
No. 10, thence following line to
shore, thence following Lake shore
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t Bay, B .C., April 23, 1906.

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LAURIE LANSDOWNE.

ICE is hereby given that, 30 days
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Commissioner of Lands and Works
special license to cut and carry tim-
om the following described lands:
mencing at a post planted at the
corner of Lot 969, situated on Nel-
land, New Westminster District,
North 40 chains, West 80 chains,
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JOHN WEST.

ICE is hereby given that, 30 days
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special license to cut and carry
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situated on east side of Skeena
Coast District: Commencing at stake
about one mile north of Legate
on bank of river, thence east 40
thence south 40 chains, thence east
ins, thence south 40 chains, thence
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r to place of commencement.

CHAS. E. CARPENTER.
D. E. MOORE.

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NOTICE.

ICE is hereby given that, sixty days
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orks for permission to purchase the
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Tsimpsean Indian Reserve: Com-
g at a post planted on the East
of Salt Lake, No. 1, East of Kalen
Range 5, Coast District, thence
wenty chains, thence north eighty
thence west to the shore line of
Passage, thence following said shore
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about 320 acres.

BERT HAIGH,
Locator.
J. F. Ritchie, Agent.

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mark to the Southwest corner post
lot, and extending Westward to
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NEWS NOTES OF THE DOMINION

Insurance Commission Investigates Affairs of the Confederation Company.

PROBE TORONTO COMBINES

Eight Fishermen Lost in Fog on Atlantic---Three of Crew Drown.

TORONTO, May 30.—At the insurance enquiry this morning objections were made by Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., counsel for the Confederation Life Company, to Mr. Shepley, Dominion government counsel, being allowed to bring names of agents into evidence. He said it would injure their reputation, because they would have no opportunity to defend themselves. Shepley held that he should have the right to mention names in order to lay down general principles which the commissioners might make use of in making their report. He was upheld by Judge McTavish, the chairman. Nesbitt claimed agents would not come hundreds of miles to testify. Shepley said it was alleged that one of the Confederation agents in Winnipeg had represented to a policyholder that her policy was worth $1,832, which was not its face value at all. Mr. Macdonald, the company's actuary, denied this.

Combine Scandal Investigations

Toronto, May 30.—Nicholas Murphy, K. C., has been appointed by the attorney-general to continue the investigation into the combine scandals which was begun by J. W. Curry, K. C., while crown attorney.

Trans-Atlantic Mail Dates

Montreal, May 30.—On and after July 6 weekly steamships carrying mails between Canada and Great Britain will sail Friday. This arrangement was arrived at between the government and steamship companies, the Allans and the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

Motormen Get Increase

London, Ont., May 30.—Motormen and conductors of the London street railway have been granted an increase in wages by the directors.

A Klondiker's Return

Windsor, May 30.—Charles Best, a young farmer residing near Harrow, went to the Klondike seven years ago. He was not heard from since a few days following his arrival at Nome, when he wrote that he was seriously ill. He was given up for dead. On Wednesday he arrived at Harrow. He made money in the Klondike and is now in comfortable circumstances.

Fire at Woodstock

Woodstock, May 30.—This morning fire swept an area that was completely burned four years ago—the block on Main street directly opposite the Carlisle Hotel. Following is a list of those burned out: Holyoke & Brown, grocers; Walter Cogger, barber; Wilson's photo studio; Singer Sewing Machine Co.'s store; William Blake, saloon; Gordon Bros., drug store; Sullivan's meat shop; Embleton's barber shop; Sullivan's grocery; Robert Walsh, pool and billiard room; Louis Laing, barrister; Mrs. Loane & Co., fancy goods and bookstore; the I. E. Sheasgreen Drug Co.; Larrytt & Co., photo studio. It is almost impossible to get at the total loss or individual losses, but it would be a conservative estimate to put the loss between $30,000 and $40,000. The insurance loss will be fully $25,000.

Three of Crew Drowned

Halifax, May 30.—The schooner Thetis, from Summerside, P. E. I., for Louisburg, was driven ashore at the entrance to Louisburg harbor last night. The crew of four men took to the rigging and inside of ten minutes three of them—Captain W. Kine, his son and a man named Joseph Murray—were swept into the sea and drowned. The fourth member of the crew, George Murray, escaped from the wreck through being washed ashore on a high wave and after spending the night on the bleak and lonely beach, walked to Louisburg this morning and reported the disaster.

Eight Fishermen Lost

Sydney, N. S., May 30.—Late yesterday afternoon the Gloucester fishing clipper Olga arrived at North Sydney with the Stars and Stripes floating dismally at half mast in token of the loss of eight of her crew, nearly half the entire complement of men. The vessel was fishing about 12 miles off Cape North on Saturday, all her dories, containing 12 men, being out. In a short time an impenetrable fog rolled in and separated the men from the schooner. Search was immediately instituted for the missing men, and about an hour afterwards one dory with four men was found. For two days the search for the other eight men was kept up, but without avail, and the captain, giving the men up as lost, proceeded to North Sydney.

To Restrain Picketing

Winnipeg, May 30.—The Vulcan Iron Works Company today issued an injunction to restrain their striking moulders and machinists from picketing the premises and interfering with non-union men applying for employment. The action has created great interest in local labor circles.

Epileptic's Fearful Death

Winnipeg, May 30.—A horrible fatality occurred at Winnipeg Beach, a summer resort about 50 miles from here, when a young English immigrant named George Griffin, who was standing in front of a great log fire, was seized with an epileptic fit and fell head foremost into the flames. No one witnessed the tragedy, but he was known to be subject to fits. He was dead when found a few minutes later.

Winnipeg's Electric Power Plant

Winnipeg, May 30.—Lieutenant-Governor McMillan today formally inaugurated the electric power plant of the Winnipeg Street Railway Company, situated on Winnipeg River, 60 miles from this city, and capable of developing 10,000 horse power. There was a large gathering of Winnipeg business men.

NOTES FROM KEEFERS.

Empire Day Loyally Celebrated at the Bustling C. P. R. Divisional Point.

Keefers, B. C., May 28.—The town of Keefers is 140 miles east of Vancouver on the line of the C. P. R. It is largely the creation of the railway company, as the employees make up the majority of the householders. At present, since the double service on the C. P. R. has been inaugurated, Keefers is an important divisional point, as the east and westbound trains pass each other here at 1:40 p. m.

The station is named after a prominent engineer, Mr. Keefer, who was associated with Mr. J. H. Cambie, C. E., when the railway was constructed about twenty-five years ago.

The village is located on the northwest bank of the Fraser river, on the first plateau, or, in the provincial language of British Columbia, a "bench."

The weather for the past few weeks has been very rainy, and at present the cultivators of the soil have no use for the watering hose or the irrigating ditch. This is somewhat unusual, as Keefers is considered on the borders of the "dry belt."

On the 23rd inst., Empire day, the trustees and parents spent a pleasant afternoon in the schoolroom, where the pupils sang patriotic songs and recited gems from the masterpieces of poetical literature. The children of the school sang "The Maple Leaf Forever," "Dear Canada to Thee" and "Red, White and Blue."

Master Hector Hannah gave a recitation of Scott's, "Love of Country," and Master Wesley Richmond rendered Tennyson's "Ode to the Queen."

On the 24th, Victoria day, the citizens assembled in Keefer park and held a picnic in the afternoon. For amusement there were athletic sports and a football match, while others were entertained by a selection of tunes on the Gramophone from Mrs. Boulter, wife of the operator at the railway station.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock a concert consisting of vocal and instrumental music was held. Mesdames Aedes, Cross and Moore sang several rousing songs in an acceptable manner, while Messrs. Benjamin and Harris, C. P. R. employees, gave entertaining songs in good style.

Master Walter Richmond recited "Ye Mariners of England," and Miss Cleopatra Boulter rendered the "Psalm of Life," by Longfellow, in a creditable way for juveniles.

Mr. V. Richmond moved a vote of thanks to the entertainers, which was carried unanimously.

The schoolmaster gave an address on "The Day We Celebrate: Empire Day," which was a special time set apart to be a reminder of the greatness of the British Empire, "upon which the sun never sets." References were also made to the many heroes, such as Sir John Moore, Nelson, Duke of Wellington and Lord Roberts, who fought so bravely for the rights and privileges of the British subjects, and also the heroism of the brave Canadian boys at the battle of Paardeberg during the Boer war in South Africa. Sympathetic remarks were also made concerning the benign reign of Queen Victoria the Good, who guided the destinies of the Empire for nearly sixty-four years.

Explanations were presented in an historical manner about the British flag or Union Jack and its cluster of crowns, which were symbolic of the union of England, Ireland and Scotland.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

PREPARING FOR TH ROYAL NUPTIALS

Madrid Now a Blaze of Color in Honor of Alfonso's Approaching Marriage.

MADRID, May 29.—The preparations for the marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Victoria, as Princess Ena of Battenberg is designated by the Spaniards, are fast approaching culmination, with the arrival of foreign princes and envoys, the influx of vast throngs and the final adornments of streets and buildings. The train of the Prince of Wales and the Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria arrived at 2:20 o'clock, followed by the train of Prince Albrecht of Prussia, the Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, Crown Prince Constantine of Greece, Prince Albert Leopold of Belgium, Prince Eugene of Sweden and many others. The arrival of the visitors was marked by scenes of splendor. The Pardo palace was the centre of festivities tonight. King Alfonso and his guests witnessed a performance at the Pardo theatre, one quaint feature of which was a tableau of a Spanish marriage suggestive of the nuptials which are to take place on Thursday.

The streets tonight present a spectacle of lurid color and intense activity. Railway trains are bringing in thousands of foreigners and provincial Spaniards. The streets along the route of the wedding cortege are ablaze with color from end to end with floral arches, sunbursts of British and Spanish flags and garlands.

BOMB WAS FOR A GRAND DUKE

Vladimir of Russia Was the Intended Victim of Madrid Outrage.

GHASTLY SCENE PRESENTED

Many Were Dreadfully Mangled By the Force of the Explosion.

MADRID, May 31.—The bomb was not thrown at the King and Queen of Spain but at the carriage of the Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, who escaped unhurt, although many soldiers, guards and horses were killed.

Considerable confusion prevailed, but the King and Queen, who maintained their composure, reached the palace in safety. According to the few details available it would appear that the bomb was thrown by a boy, who was promptly arrested; but another version of the affair says that the real perpetrator of the outrage escaped. An equerry was wounded and two horses were killed.

The public rejoicings over the marriage of the King and Princess Victoria had a terribly dramatic sequel at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon as a bomb thrown from an upper window exploded with deadly effect near the coach occupied by the King and Queen. Providentially King Alfonso and Queen Victoria escaped by an electric wire deflecting the bomb, but at least sixteen persons, most of them being military escorts, were killed and many others were injured.

The following are the killed: Captain Barron, commanding part of the King's escort; Lieut. R. Reyscont, Lieut. Prendergrass and six soldiers; the Marquise of Colosa and her daughter; Don Antonio Calvo and his niece, aged 6 years; Jose Sola, aged 70 years; Louis Fonseca and one royal German, who was leading a horse drawing the coach carrying the King and Queen.

Several of those killed were standing on the balcony of the house from which the bomb was thrown.

An Unfortunate Change

The explosion occurred just as the royal couple were about to enter the palace. The route of the cortege had been diverted from Arsenal street to Mayor street owing to the popular desire. The procession had just passed through Mayor street and was about to turn into the esplanade leading to the palace when an explosion shook the buildings in the city, throwing the cortege into inextricable confusion. The royal coach was brought to a sudden stop by the shock, officers and soldiers of the escort falling to the ground about the equerry and horses that had been killed. The screams of the terrified public mingled with the groans of the wounded. King Alfonso immediately alighted and assisted Queen Victoria out of the carriage. They then found another coach and were driven to the palace.

This all happened so quickly that people away from the immediate vicinity were not aware of the tragedy and continued to acclaim their sovereigns. Soon, however, there appeared the empty royal carriage with two horses missing and the others spattered with blood. The drivers looked decidedly pale. Then came a boy shouting that a bomb had been thrown at the King.

The appearance of the King and Queen in a coach brought a delirious ovation as the fact was recognized that the sovereigns had been spared.

In the meantime the scene of the tragedy presented a horrible spectacle, with dead men and horses lying about literally blown to pieces. The bodies of the men were wrapped up in blankets and removed on litters. The pavement was literally covered with blood.

When the police surrounded the house from which the bomb was thrown, a man tried to escape.

One of the injured proved to be a son-in-law of Premier Moret's private secretary.

According to an official statement, it is not known whether one or more bombs were thrown. The statement continues that it is impossible to ascertain at present the author of the outrage, though it is known that a Catalonian named Manuel Duran took an apartment in the house from which the bomb was thrown, paying in advance with a 500 peseta bill. He was well dressed, of elegant appearance and showed a fondness for flowers.

Frederick W. Whiteridge, the American special envoy, cabled to President Roosevelt at 4 o'clock this afternoon, giving details concerning the outrage. Later in the day Mr. Whiteridge went to the palace, where he was assured that the King and Queen were reasonably tranquil, considering the circumstances. The Duke of Sotomeyer was entering the palace at the time Mr. Whiteridge was there, thus showing that his wounds were not serious. Later, on behalf of the United States, Mr. Whiteridge expressed profound sympathy with the Spanish sovereigns and people.

A police bugler, whose head was severed and two women spectators, also were killed. A soldier standing at salute was fatally injured. Many persons were seriously injured. The shock of the explosion was terrific. The king and queen left the carriage showing signs of greatest emotion. Both, however, behaved with the utmost courage. They entered another carriage and drove hastily to the palace.

The indignation of the people over the outrage was very great. Some French detectives were almost lynched, merely because they had a foreign appearance.

After the outrage a visitor's book was opened at the palace. It was signed during the afternoon by the foreign princes, envoys, diplomats, ministers and officials of all ranks. The mayor of Madrid has posted an address to the people stigmatizing the attempt on the lives of the Sovereigns as a foul outrage.

THE DAY AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL

Further Extraordinary Revelations of Graft in the Public Accounts.

YELLOWHEAD PASS RIGHTS

Steamer Arctic Will Once More Attempt the North and Champagne.

OTTAWA, May 31.—(Special.)—Further extraordinary revelations of graft took place before the public accounts committee this morning. The accounts of the Arundel Printing company, otherwise Roy V. Tors Gibson, Bostock, Macdonald (British Columbia), Deveber, Watson and Jaffray. Those against were Senators Davis, Wilson, Kerr (Cobourg), McMullen and Power. The amendment was lost on division.

Yellowhead Pass Rights

Hon. Mr. Scott accepted Senator Landry's amendment giving all railways running rights through Yellowhead pass, subject to the approval of the railway commission. An amendment of Senator McMullen's that branch lines should not be authorized until 200 miles of line had been built was defeated by 28 to 16. Another amendment of Senator Landry's to eliminate the branch from a point between Lillooet and Quesnel to Tete Jaune Cache was also defeated, after which the bill was read a third time and passed.

The Order of Business

Sir Wilfrid Laurier gaves notice that after next week the government will take Mondays for its business, thus giving government orders precedence every day in the week.

Champagne Arctic Expedition

The government has decided to send the steamer Arctic to Hudson's bay again. She will leave about the middle of June, and Capt. Bernier will be in command. Special care will be taken in the matter of the purchase of supplies, as the government cannot afford to have two scandals on this question two years in succession.

Princess Ena of Battenberg — From Illustrazione Italiana — King Alfonso XIII of Spain

LONDON, May 31.—(7:02 p. m.)—A despatch to a news agency from Madrid says that a bomb was thrown at King Alfonso and Queen Victoria this afternoon, and that both escaped unhurt. The news agency despatch adds that an equerry was wounded and a child and two horses were killed by the explosion. A 14-year-old boy was arrested. It is further stated that the King and Queen behaved with great calmness, and that after the delay caused by the concussion, they proceeded to the palace.

MADRID, May 31.—The explosion occurred just after King Alfonso's carriage had passed, and evidently the bomb was intended for some one of the royal personages following. The Duke of Solomayer was wounded in the face by a splinter. KingAlfonso and Queen Victoria got out of their carriage and entered another one. The Queen was trembling, but gave no indication of fainting. The casualties are greatly in excess of the number officially given out. An officer of infantry was among those killed.

SECOND TRIAL OF THE C. P. R. HOLD-UP MEN

Change of Venue Refused and Selection of New Jury Proceeds.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., May 31.—The second trial of the alleged train robbers commenced here this morning. Mr. Alex. Macintyre made a lengthy appeal for an adjournment of the case until the fall assizes, arguing that the prisoners had not the time to bring material witnesses here, and further urged the lack of finances to properly conduct the case. Mr. Justice Irving refused to grant the request.

Mr. Macintyre then made application for a change of venue to either Revelstoke or Clinton, stating that owing to the excitement in Kamloops over the rather sensational arrest, it was impossible to secure an unbiased jury, and that the sensational attempt of Warden Kelly, of San Quentin penitentiary, to identify Edwards as "Bill" Miner in a public place had materially injured his client's interests. In support of his application, Mr. Macintyre quoted the Ponton case at Napanee, where the request was made for change of venue on behalf of the crown.

In refusing to grant the request, Judge Irving said that in the case quoted, the presiding judge had been mobbed and his life threatened, and that he, himself, had no fear of such a thing occurring in Kamloops. In fact, he could not see the least sign of excitement whatever, and was perfectly satisfied the accused would receive a fair trial.

Somerville, were under consideration. The fact developed that four checks were issued to the printing company, two on the same date, and all within a few days, for an aggregate amount of $12,200. One check is endorsed by a mysterious Mr. Karlsberg, of Hamburg; another by Louis Leopold, alias Lazarus, while the other two were to Mr. Somerville. Apparently there was a "divvy" on the work done, whatever it might be, Somerville getting one-half the cash and the other two one-quarter each. The feature of the sitting was a second decision to report Mr. Preston to the house for contumacy.

He admitted he had placed a list of members of the N. A. T. company with an Ottawa man other than the one stipulated by the company, but he again positively refused to say who they were. Hence the committee's decision.

It is stated with great positiveness tonight that the cabinet shuffle will take place this week. The supreme court cannot get along without the chief justice, as Judge McLennan is ill, and there is no quorum. Accordingly, Mr. Fitzpatrick will become chief justice, Mr. Aylesworth minister of justice and Mr. Lemieux postmaster general. The fight for the solicitor generalship lies between Mr. Belcourt, of Ottawa, and Mr. Bureau, of Three Rivers.

Judge Girouard has sent a letter to the first minister that he will not go on the supreme bench next Monday, even supposing Judge McLennan is better and that this brought matters to a head.

Quebec cases have to be considered there, and the practice has been that two judges familiar with Quebec laws should be present at the hearing of the Quebec list.

Jim Hill's Projects

The senate had a limited discussion on J. J. Hill's western railway project. It arose on a bill respecting the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon railway bill. Senator Landry had moved an amendment to strike out the branch from Vancouver to Boundary. This raised the entire question of Hill's proposed diversion of traffic from Western Canada to the United States. Those who supported the measure were Sena-

SHIPPING PAUPERS TO THE DOMINION

Government Interrogated as to Assistance Given English Emigrants.

LONDON, May 31.—In the House of Commons Right Hon. H. Gladstone, in reply to Mr. Bottomly, admitted that £16 7s. had been paid out of the civil service fund to enable Shutelwall to go to Canada.

Sir Gilbert Parker asked whether the home secretary does not consider it an unfriendly act towards a British colony to unload undesirable aliens on Canada, to which no answer was given.

Right Hon. Mr. Haldane said his attention had been called to the mode of military training in Canada, which he believed was much more successful than had been anticipated by artillery experts in this country. The whole matter was under consideration.

EQUITABLE OFFICERS ELECTED.

Board of Directors Re-elect Paul Morton President.

New York, May 31.—After a meeting of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Insurance Society in this city, Paul Morton, president of the society, re-appointed Gage E. Tarbell as second vice president. He also appointed a new committee on finance, composed of B. B. Thomas, Frank S. Wetherbee, James McMahon and himself. The board of directors re-elected Morton president and elected former Judge William A. Day as vice president. It is understood that the election of Judge Day is only temporary.

NEWS NOTES OF THE DOMINION

Meeting of Orange Grand Lodge Listens to the Annual Reports.

FAVOR PROTESTANT UNITY

Toronto Trades and Labor Congress Urge Mr. Preston's Dismissal.

TORONTO, May 31.—The supreme grand Orange lodge of British America opened here yesterday afternoon. The attendance was the greatest in years. Grand Master Dr. J. H. Sproule, M. P., in the annual address, said in part: "In view of the increasing influence and aggression of political Romanism in Canada, I think the time has come to take steps for the formation of a Canadian Protestant federation, upon the lines of the Imperial Protestant federation of Great Britain. By this means all distinctively Protestant organizations could co-operate in resisting further unwarranted concessions to the Roman Catholic church. That a more vigorous propaganda is necessary to preserve the constitutional rights of the citizens of Canada has been made clearly apparent during the past few years." If his suggestion meets with the approval of the supreme body, Dr. Sproule urges the appointment of a committee to take up the question. Grand Secretary Lockhart reported the issue of fifty-six primary lodge warrants. The gross increase in membership totals about 10,000. Newfoundland leads in the net gain in membership, as it did years ago.

Body Recovered

Toronto, May 31.—The body of Robert McMillan, a machinist employed by the Toronto Gasoline Engine company, was fished out of the bay late yesterday. He is supposed to have fallen from a launch upon which he was working.

Ask Preston's Dismissal

Toronto, May 31.—The executive committee of the trades and labor congress of Canada have issued a circular to all affiliated trades and labor organizations in Canada urging that petitions be forwarded immediately to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, demanding the dismissal of W. T. R. Preston, Dominion immigration commissioner for Great Britain. The circular is signed by Alphonse Verville M. P., President Jas. Simpson V. P., and P. M. Draper, secretary.

Definitely Indefinite

Toronto, May 31.—G. M. Hayes, president of the G. T. P. who was in the city yesterday, said the construction on the new road east from the Pacific coast would not begin until the surveys were completed.

Accidentally Drowned

Gravenhurst, May 31.—A young Scotchman named John Morrison, of Toronto and a traveler for Gordon Mackay and company, while spending his vacation in Muskoka accidentally was drowned in Gull lake yesterday.

Chief Engineer and Mate Safe

Courtwright, Ont., May 31.—Chief engineer, first mate and fireman of wrecked steamer Erin reached shore here, having caught some wreckage and drifted in.

A despatch from Detroit says the steamer Erin up-bound and towing the schooner Danforth, was run into and cut in two by the steamer Gowie in the St. Clair river just below St. Clair early today and five members of the Erin's crew were drowned. The Gowie is not thought to have been much damaged.

For Protestant Unity

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 31.—At a laymen's meeting of the Hamilton Methodist conference this morning, a resolution was unanimously adopted, urging that in view of overpiling of churches, especially in the Northwest, it is to the best interest of the cause of Christianity that the Protestant churches should unite.

Winnipeg Wirings

Winnipeg, May 31.—Bang clearings for the week ending today are $9,420,817; for the corresponding week in 1905, $4,729,776; for 1904, $3,213,322.

EX-MAYOR'S SUICIDE.

Former Chief of Battle Creek Executive Shoots Himself.

Battle Creek, May 31.—George E. Howen, ex-mayor capitalist and prominent club man of this city, committed suicide by shooting today in a room he had just engaged at a local hotel, saying he wanted to lie down for a little while.

JAPS IN MANCHURIA.

Russian Merchants as Well as Soldiers Rapidly Supplanted.

Washington, May 31.—The rapidity with which Japanese have supplanted not only Russian soldiers, but merchants of that nationality, in Manchuria as a result of the late war, is clearly exhibited by the report of the commissioner of customs at Nieuchwang, the new principal port of the province. He states that in 1895 the total number of foreigners residing there was 222, of which all were Japanese, with no Russians. In 1900 the number of foreigners was 1954, of whom 35 were Japanese and 1760 Russian; while in 1905, after the war, the number of foreigners was 7699 of whom 7308 were Japanese and only 1 Russian.