

Miss Barnaby has been appointed assistant City librarian.

The Valley Telephone line is now in working order between Middleton and Bridgetown and the service is affording satisfaction.

A despatch from Ottawa says the Lords of the Admiralty have granted permission to Canadian registered vessels to fly a red ensign with the Canadian coat of arms.

The N. S. Telephone Company's new Exchange at the south end of Granville St. is nearing completion. The work of fitting and furnishing, which is to be very elaborate, will occupy considerable time, and the Company do not expect to occupy their new quarters until the latter part of September.

The Digby *Canadian* says the idea of erecting a summer hotel in that town seems to have vanished into the clouds. It is certainly one of the greatest needs of the town, and it seems a pity that suitable accommodation is not provided for the scores of people who would spend their summer vacation in this charming spot.

The astronomers are having an interesting study of the planet Mars. The color of the soil and the formation of the land and water has been found out, but it yet remains to be known if our far-off neighbor is inhabited. Wild and apparently unreasonable conjectures are made as to possibilities, and further discoveries are awaited with interest.

The S. S. Worcester of the North Atlantic line, due at Hawkesbury, C. B., from Boston via Halifax, on Saturday struck on Bid Neighbor shoal, two miles south-west of St. Esprit light, and had her shoe and part of her keel and rudder carried away. She drifted off to Canso, where she was picked up and towed into Hawkesbury by the steamer Dorcas.

The Dunk River cheese factory has been sold by the assignees of the late firm of F. T. Newbery, and purchased by the farmers of Bederque, P. E. I., for the sum of \$500, together with the complete plant for manufacturing purposes. It is the purpose to run the factory next year on a mutual joint stock system, each farmer being limited to one share, so as to secure the largest possible patronage from the milk producers.

Professor Walter C. Murray of the University of New Brunswick has been selected for the chair in Dalhousie College made vacant by the resignation of Professor Seth. Professor Murray's work as alumni professor of men and moral philosophy in the New Brunswick University has been highly satisfactory, and Dalhousie College, while mourning Professor Seth's departure, is to be congratulated on securing so worthy a successor.

A representative of an American syndicate is negotiating for the erection of summer hotels in Nova Scotia. The syndicate includes two New York capitalists. A number of properties have been valued in Halifax for the Americans. It is proposed to build hotels in each of the following places: Halifax, Digby, Hawkesbury, Sydney, Wolfville, Bras d'Or and New Glasgow. The representative of the syndicate is said to be worth a great deal of money.

Miss Margaret Stewart Ker, a distinguished graduate of Girton College, Cambridge, England, has been appointed to succeed Miss Leach as Principal of the Halifax Ladies' College. Miss Ker passed the mathematical Tripos examinations of Cambridge University with distinction in 1882, and has since then occupied a high educational position in England. The appointment was made after careful consideration on the part of the Governors of the College, and after receiving the highest recommendations from several leading educationists of Great Britain. The appointment of Miss Ker promises well for the future prosperity of the College.

The announcement that "Jim," Buck's pal, has been captured has been made in all the papers of our province as well as in those of New Brunswick, and the excitement created in Moncton over the arrest has pretty well subsided. P. O. Carroll, formerly chief of police in Pictou, with D. M. Wilbur, a special constable, and a man named Thompson, claims the glory and reward for his capture, and the people of both Provinces are gratified that at least two of the desperadoes who have been plundering houses and places of business, using firearms in a most promiscuous manner, etc., are in the hands of the law. The arrest was made at Bass River, near Harcourt Station, N. B., on Friday last, and the prisoner was taken at once to Moncton, where an excited crowd awaited the arrival. Jim admits being in the Donnelly house at Moncton on the night of the murder, and states that as he left the house he fired four shots and then jumped the fence and left the town. For eight days he stayed in the woods about nine miles from Moncton. Jim and Buck, who are now taking their ease at Dorchester, will be tried by a special circuit court for Westmoreland in September.

As a result of the protracted hot spell in New York, the mortality for the week ending July 30th was the highest since the memorable week of July 6th, 1872. Fourteen hundred and thirty-four was the awful record of deaths that week. The deaths from sunstroke were 212, while about 634 deaths were hastened by the effects of the heat.

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