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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Attempts recently made to acclimatise kangaroos in England appear to have been remarkably successful. Instead of keeping them confined in enclosures and carefully tended, they have been turned loose in parks and woods, and have been found to thrive and breed freely. There are now in Tring Park twenty-eight or thirty kangaroos of different species, and the curious creature seems destined to rank among familiar domestic animals.

We are glad to note in the Annual Report of the Legislative Library the recommendation by the Commissioners of the Librarian and his assistant to the liberal consideration of the Assembly on account of "the arduous work they have so well done." As the present Librarian still receives \$900 per annum less than his predecessor, and his Assistant a very small sum, we hope the consideration of the Assembly will be given to a permanent increase of salaries.

The *Peruvian* arrived last Saturday, 16 days out. She had, it is true, a passage exceptionally rough even for this stormy season, but it is equally true that, with customary parsimony, she is persistently run far below her power. It must be admitted that passengers have lately been few, and there may be excuse for economy, but years ago the Allan Line lost numbers of military passages by an act of meanness, and it is no wonder to day that those who can afford it prefer to go by New York, and that among others Sir John Ross elects to return to his command that way.

It is not our usual custom to notice deaths editorially, but Mrs. Lawson was a lady so widely known throughout and beyond Nova Scotia, so conspicuous in good deeds, and of such sterling literary talent that we cannot but give particular expression to the deep and wide spread regret which her demise has inspired. The lamented lady had long been a sufferer from cancer, and had undergone one or more painful operations, which, however, only served to prolong her valuable life for a few months. Charitable and beneficent institutions, as well as her family, will have reason to mourn her removal from the spheres of her great usefulness. Beyond the confines of the province the late Mrs. Lawson will probably have been as much or better known as Miss Katzwann, or by her literary signature, "M. J. K. L."