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COUNTY COURT meets next Tuesday at Dorchester.

The Anglo-American Tel. Co. have opened a telegraph office in Port Elgin. Mr. G. B. Willet is operator.

MARINE RAILWAY.—The preliminary survey commences to-day at Amherst, under the direction of Mr. Albert Gregory.

THE SUMMERSIDE JOURNAL calls Sir Charles Tupper "the great promoter." Our contemporary could add, "and great performer also."

A COAL SHED is being erected by Mr. Blair Estabrook at the Station to enable him to keep a supply of Spring Hill coal on hand.

MR. McVIGAN, head master of the Model School, Truro, has been fined \$4.00 by Recorder Lawrence for "whaling" a boy, named Tresey, who had misbehaved himself repeatedly. The Town Council passed a resolution upholding Mr. McVigan.

NOT UP IN SCRIPTURE.—The Halifax Herald man quotes "wisdom is the principal thing, therefore, get wisdom," and attributes the remark to Bacon. Next thing he will give Shakespeare credit for the Dialogue and attribute the Apocalypse to Sir John Macdonald.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT occurred at St. John on Tuesday afternoon. St. Mary's School House, Waterloo St., partially consumed by fire some days ago, fell in, buried in its debris and killed three boys, who were playing amongst the ruins. Their names were Bliss Martin, aged 10, Henry Farrell, 12, Charles Doig, 10.

A NEW WHARF has just been completed at Fox Creek—at Charlottetown. It is 175 ft. long, 41 ft. wide, and has a frontage of 28 ft. D. A. Bourgeois was the contractor. The cost was over a \$1,000. Sir A. J. Smith contributed about \$85. Mr. Killam \$25, Joshua Peters \$25, and others smaller sums. It will be a great benefit to local interests.

The new Methodist Church at Point de Bate will be opened on the Sabbath before Christmas (17th). It is a very neat structure, creditable alike to the congregation and the contractors. Mr. Scrimgeour is pushing along the inside work, and the ladies of the congregation are looking after the furnishings, so there can be no doubt, the work will be done in time.

BAY OF FUNDY QUARRYING CO.—The Wood Point Quarry paid off a number of quarrymen last week, who left the work. Stripping the rock for next season's operations has commenced. The statement made that the Company's store had closed is inaccurate. The prospects of the Company are we learn not likely to be affected by Mr. Bannan's connection with the National Bank.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM REV. MR. CARPENTER.—Mr. Editor: Some six years ago, in some way, Mr. and Mrs. William Yates, of Upper Dorchester, learned that presbytery were fond of cheese, and since that time of the month, either October or November, of each year they have presented us with a nice cheese, for which they will please accept the many thanks of

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A SENATION was created on the I. C. R. train from Halifax on Friday. A number of sailors being taken to St. John, by Mr. James Miller, were more or less under the influence of liquor, and just before reaching Amherst a squabble arose between two of them about a pipe. The greatest excitement prevailed among the passengers. During the melee, one of the sailors plunged a knife into the face of another, the blade penetrating both cheeks. Passengers ran through the cars shouting that murder had been committed, and it required the utmost efforts of the conductor and brakemen to prevent the panic. At Amherst, Lamie, a Picot man, the one who used the knife was jailed, and the wounded man, Bowler, left off.

Religious Services.

Methodist Services, Dec 11th:—Sackville, 11 a.m., Rev. Dr. Stewart; 7 p.m., Rev. J. Burwash. Upper Sackville, 8 p.m., J. Peters. Middle Sackville, 7 p.m., J. Peters.

—The latest sensation in Halifax is the stealing of \$1,200 worth of gold specimens from the Provincial Museum.

—Oham, a Zulu chief, lately defeated the Maguillano tribe, and massacred them all. They numbered 1,000.

—Recently, while a hunter named Good was visiting his traps on the Black Lake Brook, a tributary of the Beagumie, Carleton Co., he found a human skeleton in the woods near the brook. He found no clothes or anything to identify the remains, which are supposed to be those of a man by the name of Murray, who was gun-picking in his last winter. —News.

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—Capt. Baker, of sloop "Addie Emma," arrived at Port Louis, N. F., from Sandy Cove, N. S., reports the loss of Wm. Rooney, his cook, who was knocked overboard in a heavy gale on the 20th ult., in Bay of Fundy. The man belongs to Nova Scotia.

—There was launched at Parrsboro, on Saturday, 26th inst., from the shipyard of Mr. J. H. Balm, a brigantine of 100 tons, 113½ feet; breadth of beam, 28½ feet; depth of hold, 12½; and registered 20 tons; named "Isabella Balm," and named "Isabella Balm." She will be ready for launching in a few days.

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