PROVINCIAL NEWS.

HOPEWELL HILL, Feb. 18.—A genuine blizzard prevailed here yesterday, and the roads, except right in the villages, are pretty heavy.

The funeral of the late Miss Carrie Hoar of Lower Cape, whose death occurred on Monday at Riverside, took place today, the remains being taken to Waterside for burial. Rev. Mr. Davidson, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lockhart and family, formerly of this place, lately of Lynn, Mass., are now very comfortably settled at Oakland, Cal., where they went for the benefit of the health of the eldest son. Their friends here are glad to learn that the young man's health has improved very satisfactorily.

The government candidates, Messrs. Osman and Ryan, held a meeting in the hall here on Monday evening. Addresses were made by the candidates, Alex. Rogers, M. M. Tingley, R. Chesley Smith, H. H. Stuart, principal of the superior school, D. W. Stuart and Henry Nickerson.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Feb. 19.—Last Monday evening three well loaded sleighs conveyed a jolly company of ladies and gentlemen to Bloomfield, where a pie social was held in McVey's hall, with music, recitations, speeches and games, which made the evening pass swiftly and happily. The pies sold readily, the bidding causing lots of merriment, and resulted in raising something over thirty dollars for the Church Hall fund. The entertainment was held under the auspices of the Methodist body.

A number of lady curlers got down to work for a second practice at the rink yesterday afternoon, and showed considerable expertness in the manipulation of the large granite stones, which gives promise of some lively sport when they obtain those of a lighter weight suited to their muscular development. The Ladies' Curling Club of Hampton will probably be the pioneer organization in this province. The game is healthful, clean and well adapted to develop graceful movement as well as strong muscles.

Last night at the rink was presented the novel spectacle of play by two rinks skipped respectively by the rector of the parish and the Methodist minister. It was Wednesday evening, be it remembered, when the churches hold their mid-week services, and the contemplated game was in no way allowed to interfere therewith. But after the special religious duties were attended to, those specially interested in the "roaring game" adjourned to the rink, where a lively game was played, amid much hilarity and the interchange of humorous bon mots, with the following result:

H. Humphrey, Dr. E. M. Wilson, G. M. Wilson, Rev. W. W. Lodge, skip, 11; J. M. Scovil, W. H. March, W. S. Fowler, Rev. C. D. Schofield, skip, 6.

A return match is now in order.

Tomorrow (Friday) morning three rinks skipped by G. M. Wilson, W. S. Fowler and R. H. Smith, go to Sackville, Amherst and Moncton, playing the Sackville club on Friday afternoon, the Amherst club Friday evening, and the Moncton club on Saturday afternoon. They return by the last train Saturday night.

The Rev. J. H. Hector, the "Black Knight," lectures in the Methodist church here this evening under the auspices of the Dominion Temperance Alliance.

In the probate court today the examination of Jos. Law, executor of the estate of the late David Law of Sussex, was to have been continued, but as he was not present, Mr. Fowler, proctor for the estate, asked for an adjournment until the next sitting of court. This was resisted by the Hon. A. S. White, proctor for the residuary legatees, unless the costs were borne by the executor personally. The judge thought this reasonable, but did not wish to appear harsh, and arranged to hear the case in chambers, at Rothesay, on Friday, Feb. 27th, at 2 p. m., with the question of costs reserved.

On the petition of Mary E. Carr, widow of the late Henry Carr of Waterford, letters of administration were granted to her. The estate is valued at $367, of which the real estate is worth $1,200, minus a mortgage of $800 and $58 of accrued interest, leaving $342, and personalty $25. H. H. Parlee, proctor.

The will of the late Leonard Allison, barrister, of Sussex, who died at Torquay, England, on January 7th, was proved January 31st by John A. Humphreys, merchant, of Sussex, and Henry A. Powell, barrister, of Sackville, the executors, the estate being valued at $4,500, of which the realty is $2,000 minus a mortgage of $500, and $3,000 personalty.

Estate of the late William A. Henderson of Sussex—In this case H. S. Keith quoted a series of authorities to show that the mortgage bequeathed to Miss Stockton was a devise of real estate, and as such ought to be handed over to her. As Mr. Barnaby, representing the residuary legatees, was not present, the argument was adjourned to the next sitting of court, Thursday, March 5th. H. H. Parlee, proctor for G. W. Fowler, executor of the estate.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 18.—It is pleasant during ice and snow to hear of summer doings; even a mosquito bite seems preferable at this season to frost bites. The oldest inhabitant has been reminiscencing, and recalls an incident of his boyhood days, when with several other lads he was crossing a field of Judge Botsford's at Westcock. In this pasture resided a ram of warlike tendencies; the moment he saw the boys he charged at them. Fortunately they knew a ram was an evil it is best not to flee before and threw themselves on the ground. The rammy ram was nonplussed, there being nothing for him to butt down. The boys laid low and also laid a plan. Suddenly they rose in a body, and before the astonished animal realized what had happened they had him on his back in a grassy hollow. Four boys held him down which a fifth collected large stones, with which he liberally covered the ram's—well, where his vest would be if he wore one. Then they ran, and, safe over the fence, watched the baffled enemy, snorting with rage, extricate himself from under his monument.

The old gentleman also tells of a modern Raleigh. One warm July day a number of young women in quest of strawberries were standing on the bank of the Tantramar at Westcock, looking longingly across to the Ram pasture, so called, where they were sure plenty of the fruit grew. Now the Ram pasture was not a pasture at all, but a small peninsula on which marsh hay was grown, and the only access to it was where it joined the mainland at Sackville. A hay maker near by, with more chivalry than discretion, suggested that if the ladies would retire to an adjacent barn, he would take off his clothes, wade out to a boat that was anchored waist deep in the river, bring her in and then row the berry-seekers across. The motion was received with acclaim, and he proceeded to put thought into action, but did not reckon on the strong Fundy tide that waits on no man. The current was swift, the craft large and clumsy. Instead of returning for the expectant maidens, the knight errant ran the boat's nose firmly in the mud on the opposite shore, and get her away he could not. In vain he tugged, sweat and swore, to move the boat was impossible. He was now in a most unpleasing dilemma; as he was not able to swim, he could not return for his clothes; not being an artist's model, he objected to being seen "in the altogether." So during that long day he had to remain hidden in the grass, a prey to hopeless regret and devouring mosquitoes. It was not till the friendly darkness fell that he made his way to Sackville, where in the home of a friend he found shelter—and clothes.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 18.—A large and exceedingly pleasant at home was given this afternoon by Mrs. H. A. Powell in honor of her daughter, Miss Lena. The debutante was gowned in white mousseline de soie over white silk with cordage bouquet of pink roses, which was very becoming. Miss Constance Dickey of Amherst helped receive and in the dining room assistance was given by Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. David Allison, jr., Miss Frances Harrie and Miss Frances Estabrooks. The rooms were handsomely decorated with cut flowers, the color scheme being pink. This is the first debutante's party given in Sackville and the function was much enjoyed by a large number of guests, both men and women.

The election of mayor and councillors for the new town of Sackville takes place March 10th, with D. Jordan, K. C., as returning officer. Senator Wood and W. B. Dixon are spoken of as likely to receive most votes for the mayorship.

The ladies' hockey clubs of both town and college do not seem to be making great strides in this exciting sport.

Mrs. Frederick Thompson of Fredericton is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Black. W. S. Fisher of St. John spent Sunday in town.

Guests at the ladies' college for the serions' at home are Miss Curry Horton, Miss L. Hearty, Yarmouth; Miss Palmer, Fredericton; Miss Bates, St. John; Mrs. Campbell, Miss Black, Amherst.

Prof. Hammond has returned form Montreal, where he had been teaching a large picture for the C. P. R.

The Eclectic society give their annual at home March 21st.

Miss Melva Johnston of Calais, Me., left for home today in consequence of her sister's illness.

The University Y. M. C. A. will give an entertainment Feb. 27th. The sophomore class was very pleasantly entertained on Saturday evening by Mrs. H. C. Read.

At a special meeting of the Eurhetorian society on Monday, the subject for the intercollegiate debate with U. N. B. was chosen, "Resolved, that Canada should contribute to general fund for defense of empire." The war of words will be held in about six weeks at Fredericton, the U. N. B. having choice of sides.

The Eurhetorian lecture course opens Saturday evening with Dr. McLean, the recently appointed editor of the Wesleyan as speaker; subject, Enthology of the Aboriginal Races. Dr. McLean will occupy the Methodist Church pulpit morning and evening Sunday.

WANTED A REGISTER.

There was an interesting case before the police magistrate yesterday afternoon. Capt. Joseph Priest was arrested at the instance of W. H. Trueman for retaining the register of the sch. Centennial. Capt. Priest had command of this vessel some months since and claimed to have paid off some of the crew, but not in the shipping office. This was illegal. The schooner was libelled by the crew in the admirality court at Halifax, and the vessel was sold, Mr. Trueman purchasing her for $160. Seeing an opportunity to sell the vessel, Mr. Trueman sent a message to Capt. Priest at the north end asking for the vessel's register. Capt. Priest did not hand it over, and at the police court yesterday Capt. Priest said he did not possess the register. The magistrate did not impose any penalty, Mr. Trueman will, it is understood, apply for a new register.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—A physician of this city has now under observation a case which is the first experiment in this country with a new anti-streptococcus serum, which is believed to destroy the germs of scarlet fever. The new serum was discovered by Dr. Hans Aronson, a bacteriologist of Berlin. It was given an extensive clinical test there.

LOST BOTH EYES.

Thomas Phillips of Rusiagornish, with working in the lumber woods of Maine last week was the victim of a very painful accident as a result of which he lost the sight of his left eye, being struck by the branch of a tree. What makes this case singularly sad, Mr. Phillips is now totally blind, having lost his other eye about fourteen years ago by a similar accident in the woods. Mr. Phillips' brother went to the woods to bring his brother home.—Gleaner.

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THE MARKETS.

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COUNTRY MARKETS.

Wholesale.

Canadian beef	0 08	"	0 09
Beef' butchers', carcass	0 05	"	0 07
Beef, country, quarter	0 04	"	0 06
Lamb, per lb.	0 07½	"	0 08½
Mutton, per lb.	0 06	"	0 07
Veal, per lb.	0 07	"	0 08
Pork, fresh, per lb.	0 08	"	0 09
Shoulders, per lb.	0 10	"	0 12
Ham, per.. lb.	0 12	"	0 14
Roll butter, per lb	0 22	"	0 24
Tub butter, per lb.	0 15	"	0 18
Turkey, per lb	0 16	"	0 20
Eggs, case, per doz	0 16	"	0 19
Fowl, per pair	0 70	"	1 00
Chickens	0 80	"	1 25
Geese	1 00	"	1 20
Carrots, per bbl	0 80	"	0 90
Potatoes, per bbl.	1 50	"	1 75
Hides, per lb.	0 06	"	0 07
Calfskins, per lb.	0 00	"	0 10
Sheepskins, each	0 45	"	0 50
Beets, per bbl.	0 80	"	1 00
Turnips, per bbl.	0 60	"	0 70
Parsnips, per bbl.	1 00	"	1 25

Retail.

Beef, corned, per lb.	0 10	"	0 12
Beef tongue, per lb	0 10	"	0 00
Beef, roast, per lb.	0 12	"	0 18
Lamb, per lb.	0 06	"	0 12
Mutton, per lb	0 06	"	0 10
Veal, per lb.	0 10	"	0 14
Pork, per lb., fresh	0 12	"	0 14
Pork, salt, per lb.	0 12	"	0 14
Sausages, per lb.	0 14	"	0 00
Ham, per lb.	0 16	"	0 18
Bacon, per lb	0 18	"	0 20
Tripe, per lb	0 00	"	0 10
Butter (dairy), rolls	0 25	"	0 26
Butter (tubs)	0 18	"	0 22
Lard, per lb	0 16	"	0 18
Eggs, case	0 20	"	0 22
Eggs, henery, per doz	0 28	"	0 00
Onions, per lb	0 05	"	0 00
Beets, per peck	0 25	"	0 00
Carrots, per peck	0 25	"	0 00
Cabbage, each	0 05	"	0 10
Parsnips, per peck	0 00	"	0 25
Squash, per lb.	0 05	"	0 00
Turnips, per peck	0 16	"	0 00
Potatoes, per peck	0 20	"	0 25
Fowl, per pair	0 90	"	1 50
Turkeys, per lb	0 23	"	0 00
Chickens	1 00	"	1 50
Ducks, per pair	1 00	"	1 50
Geese	1 00	"	1 40

FISH.

Mackerel, hf bbl.	7 00	"	7 50
Large dry cod	3 60	"	3 75
Medium cod	3 50	"	3 60
Small cod	2 75	"	0 00
Finnen haddies	0 05½	"	0 06
Gr. Manan herring, hf-bbls.	2 20	"	2 25
Bay herring, hf-bbl.	2 00	"	2 10
Cod (fresh)	0 02¾	"	0 03
Pollock	1 90	"	2 00
Halibut, per lb.	0 12	"	0 15
Canso herring, bbls, new	0 00	"	5 75
Canso herring, hf-bbls new.	0 00	"	3 15
Shelburne herring, per bbl.	5 00	"	5 25
Smoked herring	0 11	"	0 12
Frozen herring	0 80	"	1 00

GROCERIES.

Cheese, per lb.	0 14	"	0 00
Rice, per lb	0 03¼	"	0 03⅜
Cream of tartar, pure, bbls.	0 19	"	0 19½
Cream Tartar, pure, bxs	0 21	"	0 25
Bicarb soda, per keg	1 70	"	1 75
Sal sola, per lb	0 00⅞	"	0 01½
Molasses—			
Porto Rico, new	0 31	"	0 34
Barbados	0 25	"	0 26
New Orleans (tierces)	0 29	"	0 36
Sugar.			
Standard granulated, yellow bright, yellow, equalized rates.			
Barbados, per lb.	0 03⅞	"	0 04⅛
Paris lumps, per box	0 00	"	0 00
Pulverized sugar	0 05¾	"	0 06
Coffee—			
Java, per lb., green	0 24	"	0 26
Jamaica, per lb	0 24	"	0 25
Salt—			
Liverpool, ex vessel	0 00	"	0 00
Liverpool, per sack, ex store	0 56	"	0 58
Liverpool butter salt, per bag, factory filled	0 90	"	1 00
Spices—			
Nutmegs, per lb	0 50	"	0 70
Cassia, per lb, ground	0 18	"	0 20
Cloves, whole	0 12	"	0 15
Cloves, ground	0 18	"	0 20
Ginger, ground	0 15	"	0 20
Pepper, ground	0 18	"	0 21
Tea—			
Congou, per lb, finest	0 22	"	0 23
Congou, per lb, common	0 15	"	0 50
Oolong, per lb	0 30	"	0 40
Tobacco—			
Black chewing	0 45	"	0 52
Bright, chewing	0 45	"	0 74
Smoking	0 45	"	0 74

FRUITS, ETC.

Currants, per lb	0 06	"	0 06¼
Currants, per lb, cleaned	0 07	"	0 07½
Dried apples	0 05½	"	0 06
Grenoble walnuts	0 14	"	0 15
Almonds	0 13½	"	0 14
California prunes	0 05	"	0 08
Filberts	0 10	"	0 12
Brazils	0 13	"	0 14
Pecans	0 14	"	0 15
Dates, lb. pkg	0 06	"	0 06¼
Dates, new	0 04	"	0 04½
Peanuts, roasted	0 09	"	0 10
New figs	0 12	"	0 13
Bag figs, per lb.	0 04	"	0 05
Malaga London layers	1 90	"	2 00
Malaga clusters	2 75	"	4 00
Malaga, black, baskets	2 15	"	2 25
Malaga, Connoiseur, clusters	2 10	"	2 25
Malaga grapes	5 00	"	6 00
Val. oranges, 714s	4 50	"	0 00
Val. oranges	3 75	"	4 00
Jamaica oranges, per bbl	5 00	"	6 00
Jamaica oranges, box	3 00	"	0 00
Onions, Canadian, per bbl.	2 25	"	2 50
Raisins, Sultana, new	0 00	"	0 00
Raisins, Valencia, new	0 00	"	0 00
Bananas	1 00	"	2 25
Lemons, Messina, per box	3 50	"	3 75
Cocoanuts, per sack	3 25	"	3 50
Cocoanuts, per doz	0 00	"	0 60
Evaporated apricots	0 12	"	0 13
Evaporated peaches (new)	0 10	"	0 12
Apples, evaporated	0 06¾	"	0 07
Apples, American Baldwin	2 50	"	3 25
Canadian Spyes	3 50	"	4 00

PROVISIONS.

American clear pork	23 00	"	25 00
American mess pork	23 00	"	24 00
Pork, domestic	21 50	"	22 00
Canadian plate beef	13 00	"	15 00
American plate beef	15 00	"	16 00
Lard, compound	0 09½	"	0 10½
Lard, pure	0 12	"	0 13

FLOUR, ETC.

Cornmeal	2 80	"	2 85
Manitoba	5 00	"	5 10
Canadian high grade	4 10	"	4 15
Medium patents	4 00	"	4 10
Oatmeal	4 50	"	4 75
Middlings, small lots, bag'd.	24 50	"	25 00
Bran, car lots	22 00	"	23 00
Bran, small lots, bag'd.	23 00	"	24 00

GRAIN, ETC.

Hay, pressed, car lots	9 00	"	10 00
Oats (Ontario), car lots	0 42	"	0 43
Beans (Canadian), h. p.	2 35	"	2 40
Beans, prime	2 25	"	2 30
Beans, yellow eye	3 00	"	3 10
Split peas	5 20	"	5 25
Pot barley	4 50	"	4 60

OILS.

Pratt's Astral	0 00	"	0 23½
"White Rose" and Chester "A"	0 00	"	0 22½
"High Grade Sarnia" and "Archlight"	0 00	"	0 22
"Silver Star"	0 00	"	0 21
Linseed oil, raw	0 00	"	0 64
Linseed oil, boiled	0 00	"	0 67
Turpentine	0 00	"	0 95
Seal oil (steam refined)	0 50	"	0 55
Seal oil, pale	0 45	"	0 47
Olive oil (commercial)	0 00	"	0 95
Caster oil (com'cial), per lb.	0 09	"	0 09½
Extra lard oil	0 00	"	0 78
Extra No. 1	0 00	"	0 67½

HOPEWELL HILL.

Funeral of the Late J. O'McClelan—Blizzard, followed by Cold Wave.

HOPEWELL HILL, Feb. 19.—The funeral of the late Joseph O. McClelan of Albert took place this afternoon and was attended by a very large concourse of people from many sections of this parish and from the adjoining parish of Harvey. After a brief service at the late home of the deceased, the casket was removed to the Methodist Church, where exceedingly impressive services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. K. King, assisted by Rev. F. D. Davidson, pastor of the Baptist Church. Mr. King's discourse was from I. Thess. 4: 14: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. The choir sang, O, God! our help in ages past; Thee we adore eternal name, and Asleep in Jesus. On the casket were many beautiful floral offerings from relatives and friends. After the close of the service at the church, a large part of the congregation followed the remains to their last resting place in the new cemetery at this place. The pall-bearers were Samuel Smith, E. C. Starratt, Willard Fillmore, Charles Urquhart, Leonard Colpitts and Hillyard C. Peck.

The blizzard of Tuesday has been followed by an exceedingly cold wave today, with a low thermometer and a northerly gale, being one of the most bitterly cold days of the season. Though fine and clear, the snow of the previous storm is drifting badly and trains are late.

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DURHAM BROWN TONED UP BY DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

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VERNON, Ont., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—In these winter days when Lame Back and Rheumatism are almost epidemic throughout Canada, the experience of Durham Brown of this place makes interesting reading.

"During the winter of 1895," Mr. Brown says, "I was troubled with Lame Back, and so much so that I was unable to at times stoop without a good deal of pain and exertion, and I also experienced other well-known symptoms peculiar to Kidney Complaint. I also had Rheumatism in my right leg and hip, so that I constantly suffered agonizing pains in the parts afflicted while at work.

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CHATHAM SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

As a part of the series of meetings being held this month in Northumberland county by the Sunday school field sceretary, a district institute was conducted in the schoolroom of St. John's church on Thursday, 19th, Rev. J. McLean presiding. After opening worship the afternoon exercises consisted largely of conferences on Needs Felt By Superintendents and Teachers in Their Work, and How to Meet Them; also What Need is There for Sunday School Extension, and Can This Be Met. While these were led by the secretary, there was a very ready conversational interest shown by the people.

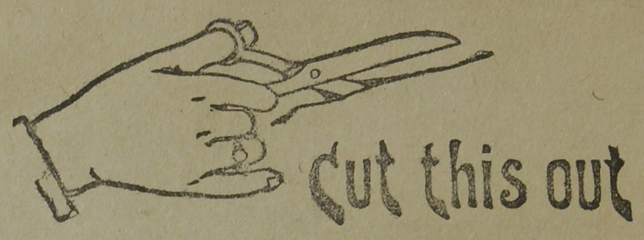
In the evening the earnest spirit shown in the afternoon largely increased, as did the congregation. Rev. W. C. Matthews led a conference on Means by Which a Superintendent Can Help His Teachers. This conference was full of interest and vigorously sustained. The nominating committee reported, and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Bentley; vice-president, W. S. Loggie; secretary, S. McLoon; additional members, Miss Morrison, Miss Lowther.

The next subject was Opportunities and Encouragements of the Teachers. This subject was allotted to a person who had not come, and Mr. Lucas was asked to speak on it. After a few words from the president, the hymn God Be With You was sung, and the institute closed with prayer.

The teachers and superintendents held a supplementary meeting and decided that the provincial convention to be in this town next October be held in St. John's church. Mr. Lucas assured them of the pleasure with which the committee would accept this.

KILLED A WILDCAT.

HILLSBORO, N. B., Feb. 20.—Isaac Gross of Hillsboro last Wednesday morning discovered in his henery a wildcat and the bodies of 21 dead hens killed by the animal. Without turning over the loose change in his pocket, Mr. Gross seized a club and the varmint is now in the happy hunting grounds.



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DEATH OF GEORGE HALE.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Feb. 20.—George Hale died at his home in Grafton today, after quite a long illness. He was the eldest brother of F. H. Hale, M. P., and Judson Hale, the well known lumberman. He was between 65 and 70 years of age. He leaves a wife, whose maiden name was Flemming, and a family. One daughter is a trained nurse, quite prominent in her profession. Mr. Hale in his early life was a farmer and accumulated a good deal of money, thus being enabled of late years to live on his means.

WAS PAUL GRAY MAJOR ASTRAL?

The Sun's St. Stephen correspondent telegraphs: Papers and letters received here today from Sydney, C. B. intimate that Paul Gray, the Vanceboro suicide, may be a palmist who operated in Sydney last fall as Major Astral, who hailed from India. Astral was recognized by some St. Stephen people residing in Sydney as Seldon Christie, a native of Moore's Mills, in this county, who learned the barber's trade in a St. Stephen shop.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 20.—John Kilburn returned today from a month's trip to his lumbering operations at the head waters of the St. John. He reports six feet of snow in the woods, practically putting a stop to lumbering. Many crews are leaving the woods on account of too much snow.

The best and most successful fancy dress carnival for many years was held at the skating rink tonight. The costumes were excellent. An interesting feature was the Hobo band, 14 pieces, from St. John.

MICHAEL McDONOUGH DEAD.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 19.—Michael McDonough, aged 78, a well-known citizen, especially in Catholic circles, died today. He was the father of Rev. M. C. McDonough, rector of St. Mary's Church at Bath, and Dr. E. J. McDonough of Portland.

Mr. McDonough was a genial man, and had many friends in Boston.

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VIRULENT DIPHTHERIA IN SURREY, ALBERT CO.

SURREY, Feb. 20.—A ferocious wild cat visited the henery of Isaac N. Gross a few days ago and killed twenty of his hens. Mr. Gross fortunately made his visitor a prisoner and hastily despatched him, using as his deadly weapon a stick of cordwood. This wildcat is a fine specimen of its species and has been sent to a taxidermist in St. John.

A virulent type of diphtheria has broken out at the Giles house so called, situated about one mile from here. The house is at present occupied by Charles Hutch, and two of his family are now stricken with the disease. Dr. B. A. Marven is in attendance. The house is quarantined.

Mrs. Martha Hawkes has received a letter from Dr. Hetherington of St. John, telling her of the death of William Fenton on Wednesday morning. Mr. Fenton was a familiar figure here for many years. Interment took place at St. John.

ST. JOHN RIVER LOG DRIVING.

A special meeting of the St. John River Log Driving Company was held this afternoon at the Queen hotel. Among those present were J. Fraser Gregory, Fred Miles, Jas. A. Estey, F. Stetson and Harry Miller, St. John; A. H. F. Randolph, John Kilburn, John Morrison, Donald Fraser, jr., of this city and George B. Dunn, of Houlton. A proposal from John A. Morrsion, who has a contract for log driving for four years, that he be relieved from further responsibility in connection with the contract was considered. It was decided not to accede to Mr. Morrison's proposal and he will accordingly have to carry out his contract. A resoulution in condemnation of the scheme to dam the St. John River at Fort Kent was unanimously passed.—Gleaner.

A LOST EXPLORER.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—The Imperial Acadamy of Science has decided to despatch an expedition to search for Baron Tell, who is exploring the Siberian coastline, and who was reported Nov. 21 to have been cut off from the coast by early winter ice in New Siberia. Lieut. Koltohak, who parted from Baron Tell before he was cut off, will command the new expedition.

TRAINS RESCUED.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 22.—Relief parties with food reached today the trains which are snow-bound in the interior, and supplied them with provisions.

DEATH OF KATE VAUGHAN.

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 22—Kate Vaughan, the well known English actress, died here yesterday.