PROVINCIAL NEWS

SUSSEX, March 1.—The civil court of the town of Sussex was occupied today hearing the adjourned case of S. H. Taylor against Ernest Garrett and Herbert Garrett for breaking into his lumber camp. After taking the evidence of Marcus Ready and S. L. Tilley Morrell, the accused were committed for trial at the April term court. O. P. King, M. P. P., appeared for the complainant, F. L. Fairweather for the accused. Judge Morrison complimented the attorneys for the very able and agreeable manner in which they conducted their cases.

Edward Connelly, late of the boot and shoe department of the Sussex Mercantile Co., has taken a third interest in the N. W. Ensleigh & Co. store.

CENTREVILLE, Feb. 28.—Miss Topsy Turvy was played at this place before an exceedingly large and enthusiastic audience in Sherwood's opera house on the 23rd by the young people of Florenceville. The play was under the direction of Miss McGaffigan, to whom a great deal of credit is due. This lady has already won a reputation on the amateur stage that would do credit to a professional. She takes the leading role of Topsy Turvy and is ably supported by the rest of the performers. Too much could not be said of all—each actor did credit to his or her part and the whole performance was one which many a professional company could not surpass.

HOPEWELL HILL, March 1.—The record of February, and in fact the whole winter, is almost without parallel, at least for many years, for general roughness of weather and depth of snow. Storm after storm has kept the roads almost continually bad, and the railway, after repeated struggles with the oft-recurring drifts, is still under the snow. These conditions cause much inconvenience to the merchants in the lower end of the county, who have been anxiously looking for the railroad to get cleared, in order that freight might be brought down. Nearly all the dealers at Albert are out of flour, and are short in many other lines.

Another of the old residents has passed away. John Newton Rogers died at the home of his son, Joseph A. Rogers, at this village, last evening, in the 81st year of his age. The deceased, through illness, was bedfast for some two years, though he retained his mental faculties to the last. He leaves one son, above mentioned, and two daughters, Mrs. Eunice A. Rogers and Mrs. Wilber Clement, both living in the States. Mr. Rogers was a son of George Rogers and grandson of Robert Rogers, one of the first settlers of Shepody. The deceased was possessed of an excellent memory up to the time of his death, and could tell many an interesting tale of the early days, when railroads were unknown and the mails were brought into the county on horseback, his father, Geo. Rogers, at that time being the mail carrier. The deceased himself, as a boy, frequently made the trip to the "Bend," leaving his horse on the Albert side of the river, crossing in a flat boat, and returning, bringing down the whole mail for Shepody in the saddle bags. Mr. Rogers was the last of his immediate family, all of a large number of brothers and sisters having passed away some years ago.

The funeral took place at 2 p. m. this afternoon from his son's residence, Rev. T. Hicks, pastor of the Hopewell Methodist church, officiating. Many friends and neighbors were present. Interment was made in the new cemetery.

Norman Barkhouse and Archie Barkhouse, who have been employed at Halifax, Mulgrave and different points in the Sparham roofing business, are home for a time, the work being just now held up.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mitton took their little girl to Moncton today for treatment from Drs. Smith and McNaughton.

The mail carrier arrived tonight from Hillsboro with three days' mails.

ST. MARTINS, March 1.—The severe storms of last week again interfered with the mail service. No mails reached here from Friday evening till Monday evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Brander, whose death occurred last Thursday owing to the storms, was not held till Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. W. Townsend.

George Wilson of Manitoba, spent a few days here last week, the guest of J. B. Hodsmythe.

A large number of the friends of Miss Lottie Carson gave her a surprise party at her home Tuesday evening. The patry was chaperoned by Mrs. S. K. Daly. A most enjoyable time was spent.

CAMPBELLTON, March 2.—Citizens are deeply interested in the Grand Falls electric power project. It is said that Campbellton will have a large transfer plant erected in the near future by the Ferro-manganese Company. Particulars regarding the matter are not announced as yet, but there seems to be every possibility of the scheme being pushed ahead. The plant would supply power for local manufacturing and other industrial purposes, and no doubt would help to foster and encourage ne windustries. Of course the idea is to transmit the power from Grand Falls along the line of the International railway, which is to be run by electric power. It is rumored that the site for the proposed plant is on Lower Wafer street near the railway wharf.

The weather here for the past fortnight has been very mild, the warm rays of the sun melting the snow considerably. It is said the snow has settled about six inches in the woods. Most of the men have returned from the lumber camps, work for the present being completed.

Invitations have been issued by the junior bachelors for a ball on Tuesday evening next which promises to be a most enjoyable affair. An orchestra from Chatham will furnish music for the occasion.

The junior maids of Dalhousie have also issued invitations for a dance to be held in that town on Monday evening.

J. H. Taylor, who has for a number of years carried on a farming implement agency business, has sold out to J. E. Miller and Ed. Le Gallais, who will continue in the old stand.

The firm of McKenzie & Flett will dissolve partnership on April 1st, Mr. McKenzie continuing the business in his own name. Mr. Flett and family

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intend going west. Mrs. Flett will be greatly missed in social circles here, and particularly in Christ church, being one of the foremost workers in the church.

Mrs. F. B. Blackhall will entertain a number of lady friends tomorrow afternoon from three to six at whist.

It is rumored that Campbellton is to have another weekly paper, but such rumors have been circulated so freely in the past that one can hardly credit this latest.

SUSSEX, Feb. 28.—The Sussex hockey team returned yesterday from their trip to the North Shore. On Friday night they played Campbellton and defeated the local team by a score of 7 to 2. On Saturday evening they defeated the Chatham septette, the score being 3 to 2. The Sussex boys are loud in their praise of the treatment accorded them by the North Shore teams and of their friends. After the match at Campbellton a supper was tendered the visiting team by the ladies of the town. It was held at the curling rink and voted by all present to have been a great success. The exercises were presided over by W. A. Mott, who in a neat speech welcomed the visiting team and congratulated them on their victory. After a pleasant evening of speech making and song the boys were driven to the Royal Hotel, where Host Sproul did everything in his power to help make their visit an enjoyable one. At Chatham a supper was also tendered the visitors and a jolly good evening's entertainment provided. Host Flanagan of the Bowser House, also made a most excellent host and was voted by the party to be a jolly good fellow. The Sussex boys will long remember the hospitality of their North Shore friends and hope to be able to reciprocate in the near future.

Two handsome horses arrived here yesterday from Peterboro, Ont., for George W. Fowler, M. P. The groom who accompanied them says one of them has mark of 2.27.

A very pleasant sleigh party of about thirty-five spent a most enjoyable time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roach last evening.

HOPEWELL HILL, March 1.—Hazel Gertrude, aged 15 years, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. LeB. Peck, died this morning after an illness of several months' duration, her death causing profound regret throughout the entire community. The deceased, who was a particularly bright young girl, of happy and kindly disposition, was taken ill during the past summer with la grippe, lung trouble eventually developing, against which the most devoted and unremitting attentions of loving friends and the utmost skill of the physicians alike, proved unavailing. The most sincere sympathy of all will be extended to the bereaved family in their affliction.

MAUGERVILLE, March 1.—The roads in this section of the country are still in a very bad state.

The death occurred on Saturday, Feb. 18th, of Mrs. John Barklett, in the 80th year of her age. A sorrowing husband, four sons and one daughter survive. The funeral took place at two o'clock on Monday afternoon. Rev. H. E. Dibble, (Episcopal) conducted the service at the house, church and grave.

The many friends of George A. Treadwell will regret to learn that there is no change for the better in his condition, and all hope of his recovery has been given up.

Miss Mary L. Magee, daughter of William Magee, of Upper Maugerville, and one of the popular young ladies of the place, was married on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, at the Baptist parsonage, Fredericton, to Reuben Smith of Burton, Sunbury Co. Rev. J. H. MacDonald performed the ceremony in the presence of a few of the immediate friends. The bride was becomingly attired in tailor-made suit of blue with white trimmings, and hat to match. She received many handsome presents, among them being a beautiful silver tea service. The happy couple left on the 5.30 train for their future home in Burton.

A very successful concert and pie social was held in the lower temperance hall on Wednesday evening last. Forty-two dollars was realized, which goes towards repairing the hall.

Service will be conducted in the hall at Upper Maugerville by Rev. H. E. Dibble on Ash Wednesday, March 8th, at 7.30 p. m.

Miss Bertie Bent, who has been very ill with the fever, is improving. Miss McKeane from the Victoria hospital staff, is the nurse in attendance.

Miss Annie Harding is visiting her brother in Bridgewater, Me.

R. A. MacFadgen, who has been confined to his home with la grippe, is improving.

Mrs. William Clark is visiting friends in St. John.

CHATHAM, March 1.—Professor Clarke presented the cantata David, the Shepherd Boy, at the Masonic Hall last night, before an audience which filled the auditorium. Whilst the presentation exhibited nothing of a very dramatic character, it gave evidence of careful training in the musical line. The leading parts, such as Queen Abigail, sustained by Mrs. Cameron, Michael, by Miss Edgar, and the attendants of the Queen, by Miss Weldon and Miss Mersereau, were performed with a dignity and grace deserving of more than passing notice, whilst Burton Loggie, in the dual characters of Saul and Samuel, J. McFarlane as Jesse, and J. A. Kelly of St. John as David, fully sustained the good opinion previously held by the public.

The gorgeousness of the costumes was the subject of remark, and the arranging and staging of the group gave evidence of a near approach to the histrionic. One feature, however, appeared to mar the otherwise true Oriental effect, and the display of more than half a score pair of spectacles across noses of the true Israelitish type rather suggested that the spectacle peddler must have done a flourishing trade even in the days of Saul.

All the performers were word perfect in the parts and spectacles might have been dispensed with. Miss Hattie Chesman and Miss Muriel Ellis played the accompaniments. A new Gourlay piano was used. The contata is being repeated tonight.

Owing to the unusual conditions upon the railroads, coal has been rather scares in the different shops and foundries; the Miramichi pulp and paper mill has had to resort to wood to supplement the coal fuel generally in use. This mill is running by night as well as day, and has already turned out quite a lot of pulp of a superior quality.

Another carnival is advertised to take place tomorrow night at the skating rink.

A ten year old child named Charles Hill lost the first joint of two fingers and thumb by the accidental discharge of a cartridge which he had picked up among some rubbish.

John Campbell was the victim of a mean theft by which he has been deprived of a lot of carpenter's tools. He had left his outfit of tools in a store on Water street at which he was employed, and between Saturday night and Monday morning the theft took place.

Inspector Menzies of North Esk was stricken with paralysis whilst driving to Newcastle a week or two since. He managed to turn his horse and reached his home without further mishap, but had to be assisted into the house. It is satisfactory to know that the energetic inspector is able to be about his duty again, though still slightly affected by his sudden visitation.

There appears to be quite a scramble for positions under the new highway act. Wm. Wyse has been named for the position for the parish of Chatham, but it is not likely that he will accept, as it would occupy too much time, beside which there is not likely to be enough money available to make a good showing on the roads and otherwise.

The Messrs. Ruddock are getting the superstructure for the French Fort Cove bridge ready to erect as soon as the weather permits. Several loads of iron work have already been hauled from the foundry to the site below Newcastle.

Burton McLean, operator in the telegraph office here, is about leaving for Fredericton, where he has secured a good position as operator in the office of the C. P. R.

SACKVILLE, March 3.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Oulton, Jolicure, was the scene of an interesting event on Wednesday afternoon, when their daughter Nellie, was united in marriage to Walter I. Oulton of Amherst, N. S. The bride was becomingly gowned in white mohair. She was unattended. Rev. C. Flemington tied the nuptial knot in the presence of a large number of invited guests. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Walter Hicks. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding feast was served. Many useful and valuable presents testified to the high esteem in which the bride is held. She was formerly organist of Jolicure Methodist church. The happy couple will reside on Crescent avenue, Amherst, N. S.

E. B. Allen, jeweler, of Port Elgin, left yesterday for a trip to Montreal, Boston and New York.

A game of hockey between the Sackville Bankers and the employes of the Standard Co., Middle Sackville, will take place this evening.

The English opera singers will appear in Music Hall, on Wednesday evening next.

The marriage of Lizzie A. Trenholm of Port Elgin, and Willard E. King of Tidnish, was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage, Baie Verte, on the 21st ult., by Rev. W. A. Thompson.

Mount Allison Y. W. C. A. will give a skating party in the new curling ring tomorrow evening. The Sackville cornet band will furnish music for the occasion. Refreshments will be served during the evening. A pleasant time is anticipated.

The marriage of Amasa Hicks and Miss Dormer Oulton is announced to take place March 8th.

Rev. S. D. Chown, D. D., of Toronto, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday morning.

The Baptists of Middle Sackville are asking for tenders for the building of a new church in the early summer. Plans have been prepared by J. W. Doull of this town. They purpose building a handsome up-to-date church with all the latest improvements. A feature of the church will be the baptismal font, which will be constructed according to the most modern ideas. Rev. E. L. Steeves, the present pastor, has been particularly successful in his soliciting funds for the church. A handsome sum has already been subscribed and more to follow.

The Standard Manufacturing Co. are closed down for a day or so on account of lack of fuel.

ST. ANDREWS, March 2.—As the C. P. R. train was approaching Chamcook station on Monday last, both cross heads of the locomotive collapsed, the driving wheels wrecked the caboose; Driver Richard Davis and his fireman, D. Cokley, had to jump for their lives, landing in the snow bank, and fortunately escaped uninjured. As before reported to the Sun, the passengers and mails were sent into town in sleighs.

On Tuesday, in consequence of the snow blockade, especially between Woodstock and McAdam, County Court Judge Carleton and Solicitor General W. P. Jones were twenty-four hours on the road. They left Woodstock on Monday morning and only got into St. Andrews on Tuesday evening, so the county court, which should have convened on that day, was not opened until Wednesday forenoon, as it was found necessary to send to St. Stephen for P. McKenna to appear before the grand jury as principal witness against Cripps, committed for trial by the police magistrate of that town for breaking and entering McKenna's store. Adjournment had to be had until the afternoon. The result of the trial of Cripps has already appeared in the Sun.

Judge Carleton and Solicitor General W. P. Jones returned to Woodstock by the C. P. R. this (Thursday) morning.

H. Price Webber's Boston Comedy Co., detained here by the snow blockade on the railway, improved the time by giving last evening one more entertainment, playing before a large audience the comedy, Fanchon, the Cricket. The company proceeded by rail this morning to Houlton, Me.

Edward Sharkey got yesterday an unexpected cold bath by dropping through a hole in the ice in the harbor. His outstretched arms saved him from dropping below the ice.

The schooner Silver Leaf was this morning hauled off where she ran into the ice yesterday at the western entrance to the harbor, by the steamer H. F. Eaton, and towed to her berth at the C. P. R. wharf. W. D. Forster, consignee of the cargo of the schooner, arrived today by C. P. R. to superintend the dispatch thereof to Houlton, Me.

The following names, amongst others, are on the register at Kennedy's hotel: John Kelly, inspector of lighthouses; D. W. Newcomb, C. P. R. divisional superintendent; J. H. Barber, H. V. Cole, J. C. Earle, W. D. Forster, H. G. Enslow, St. John.

M. N. Cockburn, K. C., acted as clerk of the county court during its late session here.

Mrs. L. B. Knight, after a pleasant visit spent at Judge Cockburn's, has returned to her home in St. John.

Capt. Robert Maloney arrived today by C. P. R. from New York.

WHITE'S COVE, Queens Co., Feb. 25.—Owing to the recent severe storms and deep snow several lumber operators have abandoned work and left the woods.

William Fanjoy, lighthouse keeper at Fanjoy's Point, left for Fredericton on Tuesday, where he will enter the hospital and undergo an operation for kidney trouble.

The many friends of Miss Damie Gunter will regret to learn that she is lying dangerously ill of pneumonia. She is being attended by Drs. McDonald and Crasswell.

Mrs. E. J. Wright is ill with erysipelas. She is being attended by Dr. M. C. McDonald.

Hon. L. P. Farris left for Ottawa this week.

The young people are practising for a concert which they will hold about the middle of March.

Oswald O. Orchard of Baker City, Oregon, who has been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Orchard, left again for the west last week.

During the past two months the daily mail between Young's Cove road and this place has proved a miserable failure. Several times a period of seven days has elapsed between the arrival of mails. The Semi-Weekly Sun of Feb. 11th did not reach this place until the 23rd instant.

HOPEWELL HILL, March 2.—The present month opened yesterday with much more favorable weather than has prevailed generally for a long time. This, however, according to the lamb and lion theory, will mean a boisterous exit for March. The travelling throughout the county continues in a very bad state, and the great quantities of snow everywhere are almost unprecedented. An unusual feature is that the villages on the water front, that are usually more free from snow, have drifts fully the equal of those in the back settlements. Teaming is carried on with much inconvenience, the roads being mostly broken single, and merchants are still waiting freight, which is hung up at outside points. One dealer at Albert, it is said, contemplates bringing supplies from St. John to Alma by water and hauling them from the latter place, unless the railroad opens up soon. In Elgin, it is reported, fodder is so scarce that cattle are being killed. Altogether the winter is a very unusual one, and the old residents rack their brains for comparisons. One old gentleman recalls the winter of some forty-five years ago, when, although Albert county is a hay country, that staple was so scarce that a resident of Harvey imported baled hay from Nova Scotia and sold it at Harvey for $20 a ton. That was the winter of the famous Harvey steer that puts all latter day specimens of his kind completely out of the race for size, having measured nine feet three inches in girth. This animal, which was justly celebrated in his day and generation, it is related, was taken by his owner to Halifax, where, bedecked with ribbons, he was driven through the streets and afterwards placed on exhibition before being finally sold. Altogether, he is said to have netted his owner a good round sum. Perhaps some of the residents of the garrison city, should they see this item, may recollect the triumphant march through their streets of Albert county's colossal steer, somewhere in the early sixties. During that same winter scores of cattle died or were killed on account of scarcity of fodder. One resident of the county alone lost in the vicinity of fifty head of young animals. So it would appear that the present winter it not the only one of hardship and deprivation.

Allan H. Peck, who has been spending a few weeks at his home here, left today for New York to rejoin the American three-master Ruth Robinson as first officer.

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FREDERICTON NEWS.

Will of the Late Mrs. Medley Probated.

FREDERICTON, March 3.—The will of the late Mrs. Medley was probated this afternoon before Judge Barry. The estate was sworn at $25,000. Judge Wilkinson of Chatham is the sole executor. The bequests are as follows:

To Annie Willis, cousin, Oxford, England, $4,000.

To Jane Show, cousin, Beckenham, Kent, England, $2,000.

To Mary Willis, cousin, St. Petersburg, Russia, in grateful memory of her love and attention to the deceased's mother, $2,000.

To Adela Medley, grandaughter, of Wellington, New Zealand, $1,000.

To Ethel Maitland, widow of the deceased's nephew, Edward Jervoise Maitland, of Barnstead Hall, Surrey, England, in trust, $1,000, to be expended for the use of their three children, John, Edward and Margaret Vera.

To Mary Edith Butler, wife of Prof. Butler of R. M. C., Kingston, Ont., $2,000.

To Mrs. John Robinson, this city, $200.

To Mrs. (Capt.) Powys, this city, $200

To Mrs. John Black, this city, $200.

To George Hazen of this city, $200.

To Miss Margaret Medley Hazen of this city, namesake of deceased, $50.

To Miss Susan Haney, nurse and servant of the deceased, articles of furniture and $200.

To Beatrice Gould of Devonshire, England, $200.

To Ada Bere of London, England, $500.

To Julia S. Carey of Shrewsbury, England, $500.

To Arthur J. S. Moody of the Indian Mission School, Yale, British Columbia, $500.

To Mary Crouch, wife of R. Weirs Crouch of Monteagle, N. J., U. S. A., $100.

To Gertrude Schofield, daughter of George A. Schofield, St. John, $200.

To Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, $2,000; this is to be invested and the interest used as required.

The personal property, family plate, household furniture, etc., is left to Mrs. Butler of Kingston, Ont., formerly Miss Wilkinson of Chatham, except some framed pictures that are left to different friends. The gold watch, chain and seal of the late Metropolitan are left to Prof. Butler, R. M. C.

The late Metropolitan's easy chair and eight-day clock are left to George Hazen of this city.

The model of Christ Church Cathedral is to be placed in the Cathedral.

Any surplus after the bequests is left to Mrs. Butler.

The will was executed July 22nd, 1904, the witnesses being T. Carleton Allen and Very Rev. Dean Partridge.

As predicted by your correspondent some days ago, Dr. Geo. J. McNally has announced his intention of being a candidate for mayor at the coming civic election. His nomination paper will be filed on Monday. Mr. McNally served at one time as the representative of Carleton ward and made a most efficient alderman.

Messrs. R. Chestnut & Sons have secured full Canadian patents for canvas canoes and intend opening a large factory on King street for their manufacture.

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Live Stock in Cape Breton May Have to be Killed Before Summer.

SYDNEY, C. B., March 4—The blockade which prevailed through the entire island for the past few weeks has now been to a large extent raised, and the sections that had been running short of provisions have been supplied with the necessaries of life for man and beast. It will be some days, however, before the extreme northern districts are relieved, but no distressing situations are at present anticipated. The great cry everywhere is for hay, and while there was a reduction in stock of about fifty per cent last fall, it is very much feared that there will be a further reduction before spring from starvation. Hay at best is scarce in the market, and with the almost impassable state of the roads it will be impossible for the farmers to secure enough to carry their stock through the spring. In this way the country has not been for a great many years in as poor a circumstances as it is this year. There are hopes of better things during the coming summer. It will take a good year of prosperity to wipe away this winter's distresses.

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People Not Prepared For Popular Government.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3. — In the Alexandra palace at Tsarskoe-Selo, surrounded by ministers and a few members of the court and with the empress at his side, Emperor Nicholas this afternoon affixed his signature to a rescript containing his majesty's decree affording to elected representatives of the people an opportunity to express their views in the preparation of the laws for the empire.

This is the autocracy's final response to the agitation in favor of participation by the people in government which has brought Russia in the last few months almost on the brink of revolution. Its import must not be misunderstood. For the present at least it involves no change in the regime of autocracy, and it means neither a constitution nor a national assembly. At the same time it recognizes the principle of the people's right to be heard regarding laws under which they must live. Whatever the result may be, the document is sure to mark an epoch in Russian history, as important, if not more important than the signing of the emancipation manifesto, the 24th anniversary of which it was intended to signalize. The signing of the document came at the end of a dramatic scene, the climax of which was an impassioned speech by Emperor Nicholas to his ministers, in which he declared that he sought only the welfare of his subjects.

"I am willing," the emperor said, "to shed my blood for the good of my people."

Following is the text of the rescript:

"True to the ancient custom of the Russian people of the expression of its feelings to the throne in days of joy or sorrow for the fatherland, the nobility, Zemstvo assemblies, commercial associations, and peasant communities have offered from all parts of Russia congratulations on the birth of the heir to the throne, with expressions of their willingness to sacrifice their fortunes for the successful termination of the war and to devote all their strength to the establishment of order in the state. In my own name and in that of Her Majesty I order you to convey to them our hearty thanks for the expression of their loyal feeling, which in the present very grave times is all the more pleasing as an expression of their willingness, at my call, to co-operate in the successful execution of the reforms announced by me, and is entirely in accordance with the wishes of my heart.

"My desire is to attain the fulfilment of my intentions for the welfare of my people by means of the co-operation of the government with experienced forces of the community, and, continuing the work of my crowned ancestors to retain the prestige of the Russian nation undiminished and to maintain order therein. I am resolved henceforth, with the help of God, to convene the worthiest men, possessing the confidence of the people and elected by them, to participate in the elaboration and consideration of executive measures.

"Taking into consideration the peculiar circumstances of the Fatherland, the multiplicity of its races and, in certain parts of the country, the weak development of citizenship, Russian rulers in their wisdom, instituted reforms in accordance with their mature requirements, but only in logical sequence at the same time, considering the continuation of firm historical ties with the past as a pledge for the durability and stability of the present.

"In undertaking these reforms I am convinced that local needs and experience of life well weighed and sincere speech of those elected will ensure fruitfulness to legislation for the real benefit of the people. At the same time I foresee all the complexity and difficulty presented in the elaboration of this reform while preserving absolutely the immutability of the fundamental laws of the empire.

"I have confidence in your long administrative experience, and value your tranquil assurance in approbation of a special conference to meet under your presidency to consider means to accomplish this, my will.

"May God bless this good beginning. May God help you successfully to secure the welfare of the people confided to me by God.

(Signed.) "NICHOLAS."

THREE TERRIBLY BURNED.

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., March 3. Three persons were terribly burned, one, and it is believed two fatally, by the overturning of a kerosene lamp at the home of Frank Hudson tonight. The lamp was upset by Hudson's two-year-old son, who was enveloped in the flames that followed, sustaining injuries from which he died an hour later. His grandmother attempted to extinguish the flames and her own clothing catching fire, she was herself frightfully burned. It is believed that she will die.

A three-months'-old sister of the dead boy was badly burned, but will recover.

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