MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT TO DISCUSS CITY WATER

His Worship Defends Proposal to Spend \$300,000—Explains His Position at Length.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The most important announcement made at the public meeting held last might in the city hall to discuss the borrow \$300,000 for improvements and every way possible, endeavor to have intake. heme placed before the ratepaybecame somewhat warm. T. W. matter may be considered thrashed out. parding the installation of meters. pinion of those present at least, there rice in the distribution of water.

Despite the inclement weather there was a few ladies, assembled at the meeting. His Worship had made careread as follows:

Present Supply. Maximum daily, 3,000,000 gallons. inimum daily, 1,000,000 gallons Average daily, 2,000,000 gallons. Inadequate without meters). By 12-inch gravity main, 750,000 gallons By 16-inch pump main, balance; cost

\$8,000 per annum. Needed Supply (Unmetered). Maximum daily, 3,500,000 gallons. Average daily, 2,600,00 gallons, High levels per day (pump), 650,000 00,000 gallons; cost, \$4,000. Low levels per day (gravity), 1.950,000 to 2,500,000 gallons; interest and sinking fund,

Future Supply (50,000 Population). Maximum daily, 10,000,000 gallons. Average daily, 6,000,000 gallons. (Allowing for industries). From Elk lake, 2,400,000 gallons: cost From other sources, 3,600,000 gallons

Future Supply (100,000 Population). Maximum daily, 20,000,000 gallons. Average daily, 12,000,000 gallons. In addition there was a table setting out His Worship's project, calling for expenditure of \$300,000, which was outlined as follows:

160,000 gallons head tank ... Redistribution system Centingencles-Survey Highland District ... \$ 1,500 rvey Sooke District ... Leave to discretion of water council to take restrictive measures if necessary 38,000

Clean out and fence lake .

Cost, of extension 24-inch main....\$ 99,000 Saving on re-using 12-inch main... 20.000

Actual amount spent on present Annual cost, interest and sinking :\$ 3.200

Take and the other giving the original question. level, the present level and high water above the original level of the lake and population 26 inches above the top of the filter gave the following statistics.

water mark. inches.

audience became rather impatient, but ture of \$300,000. A large source of sup- whatever improvements were made in ard Hall, M. P. P., was unanimously voted to the chair. In opening the proing was called by His Worship to lay recommended by himself to the counto meak briefly.

auxily, the lake, he explained the dia- a conservative estimate of the main If so, was it necessary to proceed at giving the present conditions at the long way round was about \$1,500,the wall where the water was taken 000. He wished to obtain full surveys water, he said, was 16 inches above the \$3,500, but double that sum had been of the intake pipe, which itself was tion of the water commissioner, to be over the city should be treated alike.

emoving the chance of sediment from bove the original level of the lake.

hip said it was. The lowest level this year was only sewers and other methods of waste.

ship said such was the case. board of aldermen, that the by-law to draw water from a greater depth?" The Mayor again replied in the affirmative, and said that in places the lake main His Worship said that it had to redistribution be reconsidered. His was ninety feet deep and a depth of try and supply four of an equal capa-

Continuing, His Worship explained Several interesting facts were the present method of distribution from ernment streets. It was a by word brought out and, at times, the discus- the reservoir, the 16-inch pumping against the city and a most foolish main along Cook street and the 12-inch Paterson, M. P. P., made some valu- gravity mai nalong Montrose avenue connection of the 24-inch main with the able suggestions and supported the to Tolmie avenue. The latter was the 12-inch one from the lake; the proper reposal for a 24-inch gravity main to original one, and he understood gave way was to carry the large sized one replace the present 12-inch one with perfect satisfaction generally until its to the reservoir. (Applause.) rest force. Caron Beanlands, T. C. capacity was overtaxed. Then there Tolmie avenue, but it was put in at proceedings caused a short recess was an almost unanimous feeling of the wrong end, it should have started any measurement de- from the lake. It was a botch. The Worship said that although it appear-

the hot weather had to be pumped. age supply of 2,600,000 per diem. If the gravity main was run as 24-inch to the the cost from \$8,000 to \$4,000.

might be asked why this was suggested when only 2,600,000 was required. fact that it was necessary to provide supply could be obtained. more water than the actual services

above what was used. The present amount used in Victoria was only 65 gallons. If Victoria want- matter. (Loud applause.) ed twice that, it would be a lxury, and it was no business of the Mayor's.

126,000 of stinting; the instalattion of meters would mean the prevention of waste. His Worship then related his experience in an irrigation district in California. The company thought they down there "let 'em rip." The ranchas the reservoir began to empty. Proper irrigation became the rule and dammed. This would hold a

water and accordingly did not waste 4,000 Two diagrams had also been pre- He was not there to advocate meter- quired in the higher levels of the city. pared by the city engineer, one show- ing, but it prevented waste, and he

beds and 5 feet below high water city reached a population of 50,000, as by all means build it. (Applause.) mark. The same diagram also showed all hoped it would, a maximum daily the construction of the filter beds and supply of 10,000,000 gallons would be mention an important matter he had April 1906-Lake 20 inches below high lons. Of this 2,400,000 could be obtained from Elk lake at a cost for pumping April 1906 used 42 inches; April 1905 of \$3,200 per annum. The balance 24-inch main. Redistribution called for used 42 inches; most used in season, 52 would have to be obtained from other \$126,000 and was necessary if all the sources and would cost two or three water required were to be used. Considerable delay was apparent be- times as much. The main from High- one who had studied the subject knew fore the meeting commenced, and the land district would entail an expendi- that redistribution was necessary

city reached a population of 100,000. The Mayor then described his plan force in the case of fire. In New York caedings the chairman said the meet- in detail and said it was the same as this amount was considered sufficient efore the people his views on the ques- cil and petitioned for by a large numtion of improving the city's water sup- ber of ratepayers. The only addition piy. His Worship would be the first was the sum of \$3,500 asked to obtain by the daily press for a purpose that meaker and others would be welcome a survey of Sooke district. Until com- the \$300,000 by-law was to be spent on plete data regarding Highland and Elk lake alone. It was really but \$79,-The Mayor was then called upon and Sooke districts were obtained it would not be possible to rightly decide on a large source of supply. All date was received a cordial reception. He first not be possible to rightly decide on a would only mean \$3,200 for interest and his main object was to try and large source of supply. All data was sinking fund, while \$4,000 would be dispel many errors in the minds of the available about Goldstream, but no one saved on pumping. average citizen regarding the water knew where the city was at. The main supply, how it was brought into the from Highland district would cost , the level of the lake and other \$800,000, but the amount of water availthings. Starting from the source of able was not known. Regarding Sooke,

From the lake. The present level of the of the Sooke district. It would cost was certainly necessary. It did not which it could not fill. top of the fifter beds. It was low, but paid recently for a lawyer's bill and plenty of water all the time, but there there was no danger of the water not he preferred to see money spent for were people over James Bay who had no water for days in succession. But ed. At the lowest point this year there The item of \$38,000 for restrictive even if he had plenty of water other was seven feet of water above the top measures he wished left to the discre- citizens should have the same, and all

No new supply could be obtained for mark in April.

learn, had only happened once before. given as the result of careful calcula- plause.) In all other years the lake filled up and tions by Mr. Preece, the waterworks t tremendous quantity of water over- foreman, who assured him, the speak- remarks from the floor of the chamber. flowed down Colquitz river. In April, er, that he had no trouble at any time 1905, forty-two inches of water was in filtering all the water required. In thing derogatory to Elk lake, but new used and the same quantity during 1902 there had been just as much April of the present year. Only one warmth about the water question and season was more water than this used, nothing had been done, things had been steps to prove that the water co fifty-two inches, but that was when a running on from day to day. But cleared from this objection? If this great amount was used for flushing every day the city was in danger of a serious conflagration. This might come ers would support a scheme to Canon Beanlands asked if all the at any time, and the risk was being prove the present supply. figures did not refer to the Beaver dam run of the pump failing and the main and not to Elk lake proper. His Wor- supply of the city going out of sight at once. The city would then have to "Suppose you used water from Elk rely upon only 750,000 gallons per day water question was that the Mayor lake direct," queried Canon Beanlands until the pump could be repaired. The Driard hotel and Spencer fires.

Reverting to the 12-inch gravity road, another on Topaz avenue and the two that went down Douglas and Govstate of affairs. It all arose from the

The only trouble was some serby, H. E. Levy and others asked was a muddle. An attempt was made had gone sour on Elk alke, but it was several pertinent questions, eliciting a by the 16-inch main to syphon over just like being in a house and going amount of valuable information. Cook street hill. This proved unsuc- sour on it because it was not swept. As for as Elk lake is concerned the cessful and a pump was built on the The lake had got dirty, and the city North Dairy farm at a cost of \$20,000. was to blame for it. If Elk lake were th the exception of the side issue re- This had cost the city \$8,000 per an- cleaned out the water from it would num ever since. The next thing was be as pure as any that could be ob-Every reference to them called forth the building of the 24-inch main from tained within forty miles of Victoria. "no, no," showing that, in the Douglas and Government streets to An alarm of fire at this stage of the In reply to Canon Beanlands. His

capacity of the 12-inch main was not ed strange water was rendered sweet increased, it was only 750,000 gallons a and pure by the very weed that grew was a fair sized audience, among which day and the balance of 3,000,000 used in in Elk lake and also by the snails that were present. (Laughter.) That such His Worship then read the statistics was the case had been proved by all bul preparations for laying his views of present supply and said that, taking the big cities. The only trouble was before the people in the form of dia- the gravity main as paid for, the 750,- that when the weeds came to the surgrams and statistical and estimate 000 gallons it brought in cost nothing; face in the first hot weather they ferthe showing the present water sup- the balance of nearly 2,250,000 cost mented and caused a sourness. If ply, the needed supply without the use \$8,000 per annum. He then explained they were cut and dragged regularly of meters, and the necessary estimated that the present needed supply for a and kept below the surface, as was the future supplies for a population of 50,- population of 20,000 was a maximum case with the New River in London esp and 100,000 respectively. The tables daily of 3,500,000 gallons and an aver- the water at all times would be very clear and sweet.

There was then a slight discussion reservoir only about 900,000 gallons between His Worship and T. C. Sorby would require to be pumped, reducing who suggested it might be possible to obtain a larger supply by drilling in The 24-inch main would be capable the vicinity of Elk lake. In the latter's of carrying 4,000,000 gallons a day. It opinion this would save the cost of mains from long distances. His Worship said that at present it did not ap-This was explained by reason of the pear probable that such an additional

In conclusion His Worship said the called for. The least little extra proposals of the Voters' League in 1902 draught from any service would reduce | were practically the same as the plan the pressure. In the case of fire every he suggested. He hoped it would not cipal of the school extra hose put on reduced the pres- meet the same fate. The report of the sure. But if there was more water in league ante-dated that of Mr. Adams, the main than required by the service but it contained all the information pipes extra could be drawn without presented in the latter regarding Elk ance of 30 students. Mr. Eaton also seriously interfering with the pressure. lake. He would not ask citizens at the read a report from H. McKenzie on the The large main would act as a re- present meeting to decide to vote upon banking system, which was received servoir to the extent of its capacity the matter but wanted it thrashed out with satisfaction. could not be finished in one meeting was 100 gallons per head per day; if then meet again to-morrow night and fective, when Trustee Dr. Ernest Hall the supply asked for was provided the night after until everybody knew again set forth his ideas along this alld be 130 gallons. Winnipeg what was best. It was not a meeting line. He is in favor of an examination only used 35 gallons per head, while for the mayor and aldermen but for being made of every child entering the the highest average all over the world everyone who wished to discuss the public schools for the purpose of de-

T. W. Paterson, M. P.P., was the next the citizens would have to pay for it, speaker, and said that by a system of in the visual or oral organs. Surgical ditches through the watershed he was aid could often be given to the great Many people seemed to think that prepared to say that enough water personal welfare of the children suffermetering meant stinting, but such was could be brought into Elk lake to supnot the case. There would be no fear ply the city thoroughly and also to The discussion was terminated by a provide power for all the electricity required. The trouble was that Elk lake was not high enough to contain the the children afflicted in the manner dewater that could be brought to it. An investigation should be made of the -\$ 43,000 had enough to waste and as they said available supply from the vicinity of a detriment to the class and their at Elk lake, and he believed enough would \$300,000 ers did not take care to look after the be found to supply a city of 100,000 in-Cost to be met by frontage tax and in- water and instead of irrigating prop- habitants. At the other end of Elk effect was put by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins erly a lot of the surface soil was wash- lake a second reservoir would be made ed away and pools as big as horse on a higher level than the present one. pools wasted. This had to be stopped There was a large flat at the north end of the lake that could be easily ...\$ 79,000 better crops resulted. The farmers had amount of water and as it was 25 to 30 feet higher than the present reservoir enough power could be obtained by a it, although obtaining all they required. Pelton wheel to pump all the water re-In reply to a question, Mr. Paterson ing the present mains from Beaver proposed to give both sides of the said the first thing to be done was to find out exactly what water was avail-In reply to a question by E. B. Wal- able at Elk lake, next to take steps to level. This showed that the water was lace, His Worship said the amount of conserve it, and then build sufficient at the lowest point this season two feet | water used per head increased with the | mains to bring it in. A reservoir was a good thing when necessary, but when Continuing, he said that when the water could be obtained by a pipe line

The Mayor craved permission to required and an average of 6,000,000 gal- forgotten when speaking previously. Though the by-law called for \$300,000. only \$79,000 of this was required for the finally, on motion of the Mayor, Rich- ply would also be required when the the system. The tank for 100,000 gallons on the high level was to provide a to fight an average fire.

His Worship next said that it had been rubbed into the gentlemen present

swered to a certain extent. ("No. No.") once with redistribution?

affect him personally, his house had three feet above the bottom of the lake, spent with the approval of the council. The by-law to spend \$390,000 had not Twenty-four horses started.

been permitted by the council to come the bottom being taken in. At the three years, and for that time Elk lake before the ratepayers, but he, the worst stage the water was two feet had to be relied on. Many supposed speaker, would move at the next counthis could not be done, but it must be | cil meeting that it be reconsidered. He Mr. Humphreys asked if this was the remembered that with the average did not think the council, would refuse original high water mark. His Wor- rainfall the lake was up to high water now to let the citizens vote upon it. They could turn it down if they wished It had been stated by a member of he would not worry a minute about five feet below high water mark, even the council that if more than 3,000,000 that, but wished to give the people although during last winter the lake gallons were brought in a day all could chance to decide upon a matter to did not fill up within twenty inches of not flow through the filter beds. Their which he had given an immense amits full capacity. This was caused by capacity was 3,600,000, which was much ount of thought and which, he was a small rainfall and, as far as he could larger than supposed. This figure was sure, would be money well spent. (Ap-

Canon Beanlands then made a few He said he had no wish to say anycomers were always told the water stank. Would not the Mayor take could be done he thought the ratepay

In reply, His Worship said there was no complaint until the lake had been neglected. If it was cleaned and kept clean there would not be any offensive smell. In further reply to a question move, at the next meeting of the further, "would you not be able to pump had to be relied upon at both the from the audience the Mayor said that to clean the lake thoroughly now would cost about \$17,000, a by-law for which had been endorsed by the city council (Hear, hear.) After that the cost of worship stated last night he would, in forty feet could be obtained for the city with ftself; one along Burnside keeping Elk lake clean would not be more than \$1,000 a year.

B. Gonnason pleaded that the coun cil go ahead. He said the people would not object to spend the requisite amount of money, \$100,000, if necessary, so long as the council went ahead and did something.

Joseph Pierson said that the Lifeboat Association last year had proposed that salt water be utilized for fire purposes in the lower levels. The scheme was to provide an up-to-date steam lifeboat the engines of which could be used for pumping the salt water. The boat could also be used to save life and both the ends of the city and of the Lifeboat Association served. A vote of thanks to the chair was

then moved and carried, after which the meeting dispersed.

MONTHLY MEETING OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Supervisors to Be Appointed for Drawing and Sewing Classes—Examination of Pupils.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Trustee McKeown took his place at the school board for the first time at the regular monthly meeting held in the superintendent's office, city hall, last evening. Chairman Huggett presided

and there was a full attendance. A communication from Rev. T. W. Gladstone was received offering a prize of \$5 for the best essay on "My Duty to the City," written by pupils of the High school. Trustee E. Lewis objected, but it was finally agreed to accept the offer and to leave the matter of arrangements in the hands of the prin-

The superintendent then reported on the success of the night school which started last Tuesday with an attend-

and something decided upon. If it A discussion took place on the matter of educating children physically detecting any troubles such as curvature of the spine, tuberculosis or weaknesses

resolution suggested by Supt. Eaton, who recommended that the parents of scribed be communicated with advising them that pupils of this class were tendance at school was also a detriment to themselves. A notice to this and carried. The resignation of Kenneth Lang-

ham and the temporary appointment of B. R. Allan to fill the position thus land deals, that he would appear before vacated at the Boys' Central school was duly reported. Trustee Hail said that he had an offer from a medical student to under-

take the examination of pupils for bad hearing and sight. He mentioned what It was, and the board agreed to accept the same. The report of the finance committee was received and adoptetd and it was decided that the city council be asked

to repair the ventilating shaft in the

superintendent's office.

The meeting concluded with passing Trustee Mrs. Jenkins, and the other by Trustee Jay, providing in the first instance for the appointment of a super- Frank Ford, deputy attorney-general, all schools. Both appointments take effect on the first of January.

CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC Chicago Dispatch Says Railway Officials Fear They Are Soon to Face a Blockade.

Chicago, Oct. 10.-The congestion freight traffic has increased so fast with-in the last few days that railway officials fear they are soon to face a blockade. Conditions on the eastern side, which have not only to handle the business which they originally had, but have the coming extremely serious. With the ap-H. E. Levy said that while he did not has grown heavier, aggravating the cor pose as an hydraulic engineer, he gested conditions which already existed, thought the present distribution answered to a certain extent. "No No" crop of corn is ready for market, as it will be now in a short time. A line be-longing to one of the big Eastern sys-The Mayor replied that redistribution tems yesterday had orders for 4,235 cars

THE CZAREWITCH

London, Oct. 10.-At Newmarket today the Czarewitch stakes, for threeyear-olds and upwards, two miles and a quarter, were won by Mintagon with Biblani second and Royal Dream third.

ARCHITECT ENGAGED TO PREPARE PLANS

Boat Capsized During Squall--Two Men Lost Their Lives -- Building Demolished by Storm.

Brandon, Oct. 9.—The services of W. A. Elliott, architect of this city, have been engaged to prepare plans for the new Okanagan college to be erected at Summerland, B. C., by the Baptists of British Columbia.

Two Lives Lost.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 10 .- A double accident occurred yesterday at Point Tupper on the Strait of Canso, the victims being W. A. Anderson, night operator for the I. C. R. at Point Tupper and Fred Perrier, a friend, son of Car Inspector Perrier. The young men started to sail across the Strait when both occupants going to the bottom. A The number of his ticket was 13.

Fatal Result of Row. Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 10 .- The lury have returned a verdict that Daniel Little (colored) came to his death by being stabbed in the face by a sharp pointed steel tipped umbrella the same penetrating the brain, in the hands of Samuel Washington. Washington is now being held and will probably have to face a charge of murder. Little's death was the result of a row between the two men on Saturday night last. Empress Reported.

Montreal, Oct. 10.-The Canadian Paeific Atlantic liner Empress of Britain was reported by Marconi wireless telegraph fifty miles east of Belle Isle at 5 o'clock this morning. The steamer is due in Quebec early Friday morn-Cars Destroyed.

Maple Creek, Sask., Oct. 9 .- A railway accident happened here last night at about 6.30 o'clock between two freight trains, one running into the other. Four cars and a van were burned, the fire catching from the engine. The loss is about \$3,000. No person was hurt.

Proposed Hospital. Saskatoon, Sask., Oct. 10.-The Roman Catholic church is contemplating the erection of a hospital in Saskatoon, and, to further the work, Rev. H. I. Vachon, parish priest here, is at Monby the church here.

Wind Storm.

Toronto, Oct. 10.-As the result of a storm yesterday when the wind blew 55 miles an hour, an ugly pile of broken brick and splintered timbers is all that remains of a three story brick store at the corner of Grace and College streets The building was nearing completion. It belonged to George Morin and the loss is estimated at \$3,000. The moorings of many of the craft along the waterfront went adrift and some sank.

Mr. Fowler Will Appear. Toronto, Oct. 10.-At this morning's session of the insurance inquiry Mr. Shepley, government counsel, after along with Foster and other Conserva. tive members of parliament in western the commission on Friday, said he was considering the advisability of issuing

To Revise Statutes.

rnment has appointed a commission for the revision and consolidation of the statutes of the province of Saskatchewan and of the ordinances of the Northwest Territory in force therein. The commission consists of Hon Mr. Justice Wetmore, Hon. Mr. Justice Newlands, Hon. Mr. Justice Prenderof two motions, one introduced by gast, T. H. McGuire, K.C.; ex-Chief Justice, the members of the executive council, F. W. G. Haultain, K. C. retary. The last revision of the ordinances of the old Territories was made

BROUGHT TO TIME.

Bulgaria's Threat Leads to Hurry Up Order Being Issued to Turkish Boundary Commissioners.

Constantinople, Oct. 10.—Bulg threat to order her troops to re-o the post at Sujuk unless the Turkis report resulting from the inquiry in the dispute regarding the delimitation of a portion of the frontier of the vilayet of Adrianopolis, has had the desired effect The Porte has ordered the Turkish con oner to complete promptly the work of delimitating the frontier.

NEWFOUNDLAND AGITATION.

Archbishop Howley Urges Calling of Meetings to Protest Against Modus Vivendi.

St. Johns, Nfld., Oct. 10.—Popular agi- church and set an annual sum to carry tation continues against the modus vi- on evangelist work in the down town vendi giving the Americans privileges section. The trustees and the congredenied by the Newfoundland laws, the gation desire to have Mr. Ake accept press denouncing what it terms the government's betrayal of the country's | church which is already well known by interests.

throughout the colony to protest against the measure which he declares is neither a political nor a party question. The present, he says, is a historical crisis in the country, when every Newfoundlander, native or resident, regardless of creed, class of party should rally to the government's

Archbishop Howley, cites the case of 1857 when the British government pro- OCCUPY ATTENTION OF posed to grant the French exclusive fishing rights on a portion of the coast The colony protested and sent delegates to Canada who joined in the protest. In the face of this agitation, the British government eventually sur- Appeal From Ruling That Assembly Alone rendered, though Queen Victoria and the French Emperor, Archbishop Howlev pointed out, had already signed the convention.

CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY

Will Practically Form Platform on Which Conservatives Will Appeal to Country,

Montreal, Oct. 10.-M. E. Smith, M. P., of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, addressed a meeting of the members of the board of trade this morning on Imperial trade questions. J. W. Hills. M. P., for Durham, and Norman Chamberlain, who are accompanying Mr. Smith on his trip through Canada, also addressed the members. Mr. Smith remarked he should do ill service to that party and an injustice to the Old Country were he to say that the Conservative party in England had a squall struck the boat, capsizing it, not the interests of Canada at heart. There was no political faction in Engstrange coincidence is that Anderson land that did not view with interest won a boat last week in a lottery. and satisfaction the rapidly increasing prosperity of Canada.

After outlining the political situation which led up to the defeat of the English Conservative party at the last elections, Mr. Smith said that the statement that the cause of tariff reform was a vanquished one and that the promoters had accepted a first defeat as a final overthrow of the movement, was untrue. Frankly, if an election were to take place immediately, the speaker said he had but small chance of telling what the result would be; but he was in a position to state positively that the Conservative party would go to the country solid on what was practically the same as the policy outlined by Joseph Chamberlain.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS IN SPAIN.

New Law of Associations Prepared by the Cabinet.

Madrid, Oct. 10 .- The new law of associations, according to the Herald, will contain the following clause: No religious order shall be stablished without the authorization of the parilament. The state shall accord support to any member of a religious order a petition of Albert Alexander Strachan desiring to renounce the vows taken. asking that the seat in the Saskatch-The minister of justice is empowered ewan legislative assembly then held by religious order found to be inimical to attorney-general for this province, be morality or public tranquility. The declared vacant on the ground that cabinet shall forthwith examine the during the general election in Decemauthorization previously granted to ber last Mr. Lamont, either by himself treal at the present time. His mission religious orders and cancel those which or his agent had been guilty of imis to secure authority, money and officers for the institution. At present a members are foreigners or whose distribution or his agent had been guilty of improper practices as defined by the contemporary hospital is being conducted rectors reside abroad shall be dissolved. ing judgment on the 19th of May Mr. The authorities are empowered to en- Judge Prendergast found that the conter monasteries without ecclesiastical troverted elections ordinance was not sanction. Religious orders shall not be continued in the Saskatchewan act, Toronto, Oct. 10.-A revenue of one allowed to hold property in excess of and was therefore not in force at the million dollars a year in the Ontario the objects for which they were insti- date of the general elections; that the provincial secretary's department is a tuted. All legacies to religious orders power to hear and determine petitions probability which unless some unfore- or donations to orders by living per- with respect to provincial elections now seen circumstances arise, should be re- sons or by testimonies, or through in- resides exclusively in the provincial asalized at the end of next year. The in- termediates are formally prohibited. come for this year will be over \$900,000. The law of 1887 concerning the regis- diction in the matter. The petition tering of religious orders remains in was therefore dismissed.

> RUSSIAN WHEAT PRODUCTION. Acreage Under Grain Is Increasing-The Causes of Failure.

acreage and the production of wheat in Russia have grown rapidly and that further growth may be expected, that natural conditions all favor such extension of cereal products there and that economic conditions favor the further growth of wheat at the expense of rye and other crops, is the general conclusion reached in a report of the department of agriculture on Russian wheat productio reading a telegram from G. W. Fow-ler, M. P., whose name is mixed up tremely low average yield, probably on the whole the very lowest in the world, and the frequent failures of the crops often leading to famine with great suffering and the great disturbances of the grain markets. "The causes of the backwardness of Russian agriculture," says the report, "were found in the system of land ownership on one hand and the antiquated methods of agriculture, Regina, Oct. 10.—The provincial gov- due to the poverty and ignorance of the

FATAL FALL

Actress Fell Through Fourth Story Window and Was Instantly Killed.

Chicago, Oct. 10.-Miss Florence Mc-Donald, 26 years of age, a member of the chorus in the "Blue Moon" company, now playing at a down town theatre, was killed early to-day by falling out of a stance for the appointment of a supervisor of the sewing classes, and the second for the appointment of Miss Mills as supervisor of the drawing in second floor. She was removed to the Wesley hospital, where she died about an hour afterwards. The only witness to the accident was Miss Debohnar, a membe of the same theatrical company. Miss Debohnar says that Miss McDonald had come to her room with the intention of eating a light luncheon, and that while sitting on the window sill had lost her balance. Miss McDonald was known on the stage as Florence Raymond. Her home was in Brooklyn, N. Y.

ACCEPTS PASTORATE.

Rev. C. F. Ake Accepts Call to Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, New York.

New York, Oct. 10.-The Tribune today says: Rev. C. F. Ake, one of the leading Nonconformist ministers in Great Britain, has agreed to accept the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, to succeed Rev. Dr. Ruff Johnston, who resigned some months ago. The trustees will at once begin the construction of a new and bigger as it is believed he would upbuild the reason of the Rockefeller bible class. In a public letter Archbishop Howley and the Elder Rockefeller's supposed anything hitherto attained by any warurges the immediate calling of meetings | generosity.

ELECTION CASES

SASKATCHEWAN COURT

Has Power to Hear and Determine Petitions.

Regina, Sask., Oct. 11 .- Two yery interesting subjects occupied the attention of the court en banc yesterday, namely, the reserved case of the King vs. Sinclair, the Prince Albert district returning officer, and the appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice Prendergast that the provincial courts had no jurisdiction on the election trials.

The argument in the first of these sases was purely technical as to whether the charge had been properly laid under section 394 of the Crimine) Code, and as to whether the defrauding of "electors" was the defrauding of "the public." Mr. Elwood, of Moosemin, appeared for the crown and Mr. Norman Mackenzie, Regina, for S clair.

In the course of the argument Mr.

Justice Sifton said there was no doubt that the public were interested in the question, but the question was whether they had anything of which they could be defrauded. He would be inclined to distinguish between people who could be specifically described as a class and those who could not so be described. Mr. Elwood replied that every person iving in the province was interested and was affected, or might be affected, by an election, and to that extent might be defrauded. Every person living in the country had a right to expect that proper laws would be enacted, and if improper people got elected by improper means then every resident was defrauded whether he was a voter or not, and in that manner all the people, the public, whether they had otes or not were defrauded.

Mr. Mackenzie contended that the word "public" referred to electors generally. There were a number of persons referred to which come under the term electors, but they were not the public

Judgment was reserved In April last Mr. Justice Prendergast, of Prince Albert, had before him withdraw the authorization of ary John Henderson Lamont, the present sembly and that his court had no juris-

It was from that decision that an aneal was made. Mr. F. W. G. Haultain. K. C., acted for the appellant Strachan. Mr. Haultain proceeded review and argue the whole case in most exhaustive manner and had not finished when the court adjourned. He will resume his argument to-day.

Governor Magoon and General Esil Will Be Left in Control.

Havana, Oct. 10 .- General Frederic Funston will not continue in command of the American forces in Cuba. Governor Taft announced to-night that the general tleship Louisiana with Govern and Assistant Secretary of State Baco The affairs of Cuba will then be left the hands of Governor Magoon and Ger eral Franklin Reli

In explaining this change of plans Governor Taft said: "General Funston wa summoned on a hurry call from the Pa with many of the insurgent chiefs and it was thought he could aid us, he did greatly in bringing the men arms to an agreement. General ston was put temporarily in command the troops in Cuba merely as a con-ence, until General Bell should as General Funston, Mr. Bacon and my secretaries, are returning to our pe ent duties.'

Governor Taft's especial confidence the chief of the general staff's abili to carry out the programme the gave has initiated resulted in the decision continue him on the island. Many Cu of the faction to which Mendoze and other organizers belong were spoken against General Funston, ing that he had deserted them in t to throw off the yoke of Spain. Gor Taft did not take cognizance of the terness, as he was familiar with th cumstances under which General ston at that time returned to the U States. Funston was then ill and he the consent of General Garcia and leaders who appreciated the long ser he had given their cause.

The party sailing on the Louisiana Saturday will touch at Key West, wh tion with a right of way across th ary reservation for the railroad which being constructed across the Flor

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o-day says that three armored cruise now under construction, the Inflexible and Indomitable, on the Clyde, and Invincible at Elswick, about which secrecy has been maintained by the admiralty are in reality battleships of as heavy broadside fire as the Dreadnought

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