

LONDON GIVES 540 WET MAJORITY OUT OF OVER 23,000 VOTES POLLED BUT IS DRIEST OF FIVE BIG CITIES

Final Results in City Show
Wets Gained Majority in
Wards Two and Three.

RECORD VOTE CAST

Women of City Went Almost
Solid For Continuance of
Ontario Temperance Act.

More than twenty-three thousand Londoners in yesterday's ballot battle on the bottle left the field with a majority of 540 for the wet, disproving, as the final swing in the provincial strife established, the Gumpian theory that "As London goes, so goes the country."

The pivotal point in the fray at large, London proved a dividing line between the preponderantly wet larger communities, such as Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton, and the emphatically dry constituencies lower down in the scale in point of population.

No election in recent years in London attracted so great a measure of popular interest, not entirely at the polling places, but unquestionably so in the streets, during the receiving of the returns.

Despite the fact that the greatest forenoon balloting on record was reported from all parts of the city, day finished with all parts of more than 700 short of the number recorded in the prohibition plebiscite of 1919.

Women's Vote Big Factor.
Every polling station in the city was manned by the rival factions, the women of London for the first time turning out in numbers. Though it is not as yet possible to analyze the result in its relation to women franchise it is the belief of election officers that the ladies exceeded the men in the percentage of those who accepted the responsibilities of citizenship.

The vote in the morning in many of the subdivisions was preponderantly that of the women, and on the authority of both wets and dries the women declared with something approaching unanimity for "continuance" of the O. T. A.

Examination of the figures reveals the fact that the wets gleaned their rather small majority by dint of conquest in ten of the twenty-five polling subdivisions in ward 1, lying south of Dundas street and west of Wellington street, twelve out of sixteen with one tied in ward 2, north of Dundas and east of Wellington, and fourteen out of nineteen in ward 3, south of Dundas street and east of Wellington, and eight out of twenty-three in ward 4. The railway men's poll was typical of the industrial districts—wet.

A map of London's declared wet and dry territory today showed that the dries achieved their greatest strength in South London and in a triangular wedge driven down through North London from the city limits, with its point extending to York and Waterloo streets. In East London they held the subdivision in which Queen's Park is located and four others lying immediately north between Elizabeth and Quebec street and north to Elias street. The South London control of the prohibitionists was effectively challenged except in the Front street district south of Clark's bridge, in the neighborhood of Carleton Crescent at the east end of Richmond street bridge, and in the extreme southwestern corner of the city.

Divergence of Opinion.
South London is traditionally Liberal in its political views, but there is little of the political character perceptible in the results. Even the claim of some of the exuberant "wets" that the O. T. A. found greatest favor in the more expensive residential districts is not entirely borne out. It is true that from Victoria Park to Maitland street and north to the territory overlooking the Western university the dries gave the O. T. A. their most effective support, but it is equally true that the wets, regardless of white collars or overalls, sliced a cross-section that extends in an unbroken swath from West London, which is entirely wet, through along the southern tier of subdivisions out into the Ealing annex. There the employees of the larger industries, such as the carshops and the big factories of the south area had been culled by the prognosticators to vote 70 per cent wet.

London's biggest dry majority came from the territory contiguous to Tecumseh school in South London. The wets found the peak of their strength in the vicinity of the McClary and rolling mills plants and in the advance railwaymen's poll. The soldiers' Weisbach barracks and the invalided veterans of Queen Alexandra sanatorium are found in the ranks of those who believe that there should be a relaxation of the restrictive provisions of the Ontario temperance act.

Dry Avalanche Begins.
The divergence of opinion between the people of the larger urban centers and of the rural districts finds a typical instance in both London and its environs. The annexed areas of London, including the suburbs of Knollwood Park, Pottersburg, Ealing and Chelsea Green, are still, for the purposes of provincial elections, part of the riding of East Middlesex, which extends back into the country to include the purely rural areas of the townships of Ealing, North Dorchester and the outlying portions of London and Westminster.

The polling subdivisions within London or close proximity to the city voted largely in accord with the city proper, while the dries rolled up their counter-balancing majorities in the shadow of the little rural schoolhouse. North and West Middlesex ridings each added approximately 3,500 to the total that were down the lead that enthused the advocates of government control in the early stages of the process of compiling the results.

Though the dries of London had hoped for victory within the city lines they found satisfaction in the fact that here the trend to the wets was more effectively checked than in any of the larger cities of the province. Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor and in fact, even Port Arthur, St. Catharines and the Sault gave the supporters of government

City's Vote In Detail

VOTE IN WARD ONE.
For O. T. A. 3,438
For government control 2,875
Majority for O. T. A. 563

VOTE IN WARD TWO.
For government control 2,422
For O. T. A. 1,798
Maj. for government control 624

VOTE IN WARD THREE.
For government control 3,170
For O. T. A. 2,336
Maj. for government control 834

VOTE IN WARD FOUR.
For O. T. A. 3,920
For government control 3,565
Majority for O. T. A. 355

WARD ONE.
O.T.A. G.C. Maj.

Subs. 1, 2, 3	59	154	95
Subdivision 4	58	117	59
Subdivision 5	58	117	59
Subdivision 6	100	209	109
Subdivision 7	72	159	87
Subdivision 8	84	156	72
Subdivision 9	90	134	44
Subdivision 10	116	186	70
Subdivision 11	140	149	9
Subdivision 12	246	89	157
Subdivision 13	172	91	81
Subdivision 14	223	151	142
Subdivision 15	233	94	139
Subdivision 16	223	94	139
Subdivision 17	221	91	130
Subdivision 18	181	221	40
Subdivision 19	172	91	81
Subdivision 20	219	90	129
Subdivision 21	191	123	68
Subdivision 22	230	136	94
Subdivision 23	212	142	70
Subdivision 24	126	103	23
Subdivision 25	137	123	14

WARD TWO.
O.T.A. G.C. Maj.

Subdivision 26	53	79	26
Subdivision 27	42	70	28
Subdivision 28	69	70	34
Subdivision 29	69	69	34
Subdivision 30	116	226	110
Subdivision 31	134	176	42
Subdivision 32	133	179	46
Subdivision 33	127	130	11
Subdivision 34	169	153	16
Subdivision 35	175	120	55
Subdivision 36	184	154	30
Subdivision 37	129	185	56
Subdivision 38	143	228	80
Subdivision 39	129	185	56
Subdivision 40	121	160	39
Subdivision 41	85	199	114

WARD THREE.
O.T.A. G.C. Maj.

Subdivision 42	129	80	49
Subdivision 43	167	145	22
Subdivision 44	156	199	43
Subdivision 45	124	159	35
Subdivision 46	147	130	17
Subdivision 47	132	183	51
Subdivision 48	135	192	57
Subdivision 49	123	170	47
Subdivision 50	128	202	74
Subdivision 51	84	178	94
Subdivision 52	127	222	95
Subdivision 53	127	222	95
Subdivision 54	142	192	50
Subdivision 55	52	201	149
Subdivision 56	176	198	22
Subdivision 57	135	175	40
Subdivision 58	60	130	70
Subdivision 59	170	166	4

WARD FOUR.
O.T.A. G.C. Maj.

Subdivision 60	112	107	5
Subdivision 61	127	90	37
Subdivision 62	183	110	73
Subdivision 63	234	126	98
Subdivision 64	146	152	6
Subdivision 65	157	115	42
Subdivision 66	237	148	89
Subdivision 67	166	125	41
Subdivision 68	163	212	49
Subdivision 69	132	115	17
Subdivision 70	197	175	22
Subdivision 71	139	173	34
Subdivision 72	111	256	145
Subdivision 73	119	191	72
Subdivision 74	203	117	86
Subdivision 75	173	162	11
Subdivision 76	164	156	8
Subdivision 77	125	169	44
Subdivision 78	224	143	71
Subdivision 79	191	121	70
Subdivision 80	171	47	124
Subdivision 81	192	155	37
Subdivision 82	145	189	44
Subdivision 83	45	231	186

RAILWAY POLL.
Totals 11,492 12,082 540

AWAITS WORD.
Mayor George Wenige expected to receive this afternoon definite word from Premier Ferguson regarding action by the provincial cabinet in regard to unemployment relief.

The mayor received Mr. Ferguson's promise on Wednesday that government plans would be defined today and action would be forthcoming immediately.

control encouragement that they did not find in London.

Dries Break Into Cheers.
That immortal who first discovered that there is nothing so uncertain as an election or a horse race, was again vindicated on the streets of London last night. The first returns from the province at large naturally came from the cities and towns, and the more compact ridings directly connected by telephone or telegraph with the news services and election bureaux engaged in the compilation of returns.

Toronto and a few of the larger cities having dropped in their tails, led the pent-up enthusiasm of the wets with majorities that for a time gave them a lead of seventy to eighty thousand. With such a substantial advantage the conclusion was reached that the die had been cast and London in the ensuing hours witnessed a victor's demonstration, with brass bands, the cheering of leaders and cheering paraders that has had no counterpart in local elections since the days of the old Liberal fleet and rival Tory squadrons.

Later, however, as the rural bulletins were down this advantage, weakened and finally routed the wets, the prohibitionists burst upon the scene, a bedlam of rivers cheering broke loose among the thousands who with tense interest followed the ebb and flow to its ultimate decision, before the bulletins of The Advertiser.

Five Thousand People Thrilled
as Returns Flash On
Advertiser Screen.

STREETS BLOCKED

From Early To Late Eager
Eyes Watch Changing
Battle Tide.

It was a great night.
And it was a great crowd which enjoyed it.

They jammed Richmond street and York from curb to curb to watch the tide of battle as it flashed forth in bulletins on The Advertiser's screen. They cheered and jostled and laughed and held their breaths as the most dramatic election fight in Ontario's history climbed to the peak of a wet victory, slid swiftly down to zero and swept back at midnight to a triumph for temperance.

It was a night of thrills—a night to remember.

Five Thousand Gathered.
Five thousand persons gathered in the center of the city and watched the returns being shown on The Advertiser screen on the corner of

York. For half a block in three directions they packed the street from curb to curb and demoralized traffic. Both parties appeared to be evenly divided in the crowd, and it was noticeable that while the wet figures were met with cheers, the later victories of the dries, achieved not only lusty cheers, but what sounded very like feminine hand-clapping as well, and this was near the midnight hour when the laurel wreath of victory slipped from the faltering hands of the wet forces and was quickly and eagerly caught by the champions of temperance.

Crowd Is Swayed.
If a crowd is easily swayed, as all psychologists tell us, then last night's crowd was a typical crowd. It swayed all over the place, but succeeded in keeping a good-natured, laughing crowd from the first bell to the end of the last round, and the referee held up the hands of the dries to give his decision.

By 7 o'clock Richmond street was thronged with eager watchers, and every list of votes as it appeared on the screen was subject to keen criticism. As the cities of Ontario came in, and the wet majority mounted step by step the voices of the wet supporters grew in volume. As in many a fight, the damage was done in the last few rounds, and many a man who went home at half-past ten last night either rejoicing or sorrowing, awoke this morning to change his mind and to marvel at the wonders that come out of the far countries.

Some of the educationists from the teachers' institute convention now in progress in the city braved the excitement of the downtown area, and joined the big crowds. They formed a select group on the edge of the crowd, wedged into the steps of a neighboring store, on the whole inclined to be scornful of the action of the cities in their wet stand, and in particular of the stand that Toronto had made with its 50,000 wet majority. Most of them went home after the majority had reached the eighty thousand mark, and so missed the thrill of the evening when this was wiped out by the attack of the rural districts.

Celebrate Victory.
At half-past nine, when the city majority was clear and the wet majority in the province was steadily mounting by local character and bounds, officers of the moderation league, meeting the band of the local G. W. V. A. outside the moderation league headquarters on Richmond near King streets, mounted a chair and congratulated their supporters on the victory for the city.

J. M. Donahue, defeated wet candidate at the last provincial election and a supporter of the moderation league, said: "I want to congratulate you on the way in which you have supported the cause of real temperance in this election. Your vote today has proved that the city is tired of the hypocritical procedure of the O. T. A. and you have demonstrated the abhorrence of freemen at the iniquities of this act."

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How Ontario Ridings Stand

Following Is the List of
Constituencies From Which
Complete Totals on the
Plebiscite Vote Have
Been Received.

Constituency	O.T.A.	G.C.	Maj.
Brant, South	6824	5641	1183
Brookville	4413	3558	855
Bruce, North	4892	1197	3698
Bruce, West	2860	2940	80
Carleton	4687	2386	2301
Dufferin	4651	4540	111
Durham, North	7323	2202	5121
Durham, West	5077	1021	4056
Elgin, East	5494	1377	4117
Elgin, West	7581	4069	3512
Essex, North	1881	8507	6626
Essex, South	5088	2620	2468
Fort William	1947	5774	3827
Frontville	4071	1983	2088
Guelph, North	7320	2540	4780
Haldimand	7933	5493	1440
Hamilton East	9953	1919	8034
Hamilton West	4447	8908	4461
Huron, North	5611	1214	4397
Huron, South	5402	1611	3791
King, East	6117	2202	3915
King, West	7323	2202	5121
Kingston	4039	5436	1417
Lanark, North	4502	1715	2787
Lanark, South	4360	1611	2749
Leeds	4500	2551	1949
Lennox	4108	1153	2955
London	11408	11967	559
Middlesex, East	6419	4058	2361
Middlesex, North	7200	2197	5003
Middlesex, West	4727	1147	3580
Niagara Falls	4546	6799	2253
Norfolk, South	2812	1459	1353
Norfolk, North	5766	2016	3750
Northumberland	4568	1270	3298
Ontario, North	3687	1906	1781
Ontario, South	4275	1139	3136
Ottawa, East	5654	4340	5224
Ottawa, West	2106	10731	8625
Oxford, North	13114	14947	1833
Oxford, South	7222	2584	4638
Parkdale	7478	2652	4826
Peel	7809	9252	1443
Perth	7371	3434	3937
Perth, North	7200	2197	5003
Perth, South	4642	2452	2190
Port Arthur	1533	414	2781
Prince Edward	6340	1236	5104
Queens	1142	254	888
Riversdale	7928	1752	6176
St. Catharines	3883	8396	4513
Simcoe, Center	5050	2996	2054
Simcoe, East	7200	2197	5003
Simcoe, West	4228	1706	2522
Sturgeon Falls	3959	5416	1457
Toronto, North	345	2184	1839
Toronto, South	16475	19467	2992
Toronto, West	19546	25044	5498
Toronto, East	2086	14617	11531
Toronto, South	5964	20652	14688
Victoria, North	3848	1349	2499
Victoria, South	7222	2584	4638
Waterloo, North	5241	11159	5918
Waterloo, South	7213	7605	392
Wellington, South	6734	5049	1684
Wellington, North	5494	1377	4117
Wellington, West	4550	1209	3341
Wentworth, North	2554	2287	327
Windsor	4758	1707	3051
York, North	8179	2472	5707
York, East	8916	12322	3406
York, West	12282	13313	1031

UTILITIES PERMITS REQUEST FOR GOODMAN'S SERVICES

The public utilities commission at its regular meeting yesterday acquiesced in the request of Westerville school and the L. A. A. rugby committee that the playgrounds supervisor, Gerald N. Goodman, be permitted to assist them in connection with their athletic programs.

The Westerville school requested Supervisor Goodman's services as a physical instructor, while the rugby committee desired to avail itself of his ability as a rugby player and captain of the team.

The commission took a favorable stand on the matter, feeling that anything it could reasonably do to promote sport and physical work in the city should be done in so far as it lay within its power to do it.

night the O. T. A. majority of 7,000, with 1,579 rural districts yet to hear from, it was a crowd of 2,000 persons which answered with a cheer that must have made the guests in the Tecumseh house turn in their sleep, if any of them were lucky enough to get any sleep.

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EAST MIDDLESEX BACKS O.T.A. 3 TO 1

Majority Increased to 2,361 as
Final Figures Are
Brought In.

WEST-NORTH O. T. A.

Final figures for East Middlesex, compiled early this afternoon, show that the