

O.T.A. MAJORITY IS NOW INCREASED TO 36,924

Four Montreal Murderers Hanged Early This Morning

LATEST RETURNS SHOW STEADY GAIN FOR O.T.A.

Latest Figures From Outlying Districts Show the Temperance Forces Steadily Gaining Ground, More Than One Thousand Polls To Hear From 2 o'Clock Today.

TOTAL VOTE SLIGHTLY OVER MILLION

LATEST PROVINCIAL SUMMARY.

6,218 subdivisions out of 7,332 give:

For the O. T. A.	519,962
For government control	483,038
O. T. A. majority	36,924

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Oct. 24.—Ontario's majority for prohibition climbed slowly this morning, increasing a thousand at a time with each revision of the returns as belated records from outlying polls drifted in. There are still a thousand odd of these to hear from, and the extent of the victory for the Ontario temperance act may not be known for days. Based on actual returns available, the majority for a continuance of the present legislation stands at 36,924, with 1,114 polls to hear from. There has been delay in some ridings, owing to the misunderstanding over the method of reporting returns.

Some returning officers have declined to reveal these, and have sent their ballot boxes to the government in Toronto without divulging the result. There are also some remote country polls unreported, but the majority are small, and the final result of the plebiscite will not be greatly affected by their quota of votes.

The total vote apparently will be very little over a million, as compared with nearly 1,200,000 cast on the same subject in 1919. There are roughly 2,000,000 people on the provincial voters' list.

Women Decided It.

The women's vote, especially in the rural districts, is generally considered the deciding factor in yesterday's balloting.

The split in sentiment as between city dweller and farmer may produce a demand for some measure of local option. This possibility is indicated by the remarks of Moderation league leaders, proponents of the government control system, when the final result was known. Only under local option, they thought, could the cities and towns escape being ruled by the rural communities.

Premier G. Howard Ferguson has declined to discuss the result at all until all returns are in and until the provincial cabinet has considered the situation created by yesterday's vote.

HOPES FOR LOCAL OPTION.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Oct. 24.—Commenting upon the revised returns available at 11 o'clock this morning, Cyril D. Boyce, general secretary of the Moderation league of Ontario, stated:

"It is still my personal opinion that local option will have to be put into effect in Ontario, in view of the comparatively small majority on the large vote cast and the attitude then by residents of cities and towns on the question. Whether or not active steps will be taken with the object of introducing a system of local option is a question that will, in all probability, be considered shortly by the Moderation league."

BALLOTS TALK.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Oct. 24.—The Toronto Star says editorially:

"The O. T. A. has been sustained by the province of Ontario by a large majority which is still increasing as the belated returns arrive. No sooner is it sustained than talk begins of granting local option to the cities which did not support the O. T. A. The question of local option was not before the province yesterday. It will do for a provincial government to yield to the view that a provincial majority must not be given effect if it comes from the cities instead of the towns. Prohibition has again been endorsed at the polls as a provincial policy and the whole area of the province was included in the reference and is subject to the result."

Another majority for government control would have been deemed sufficient for its purpose. The majority for the O. T. A. cannot be talked out of the ballot boxes nor are the people who support the O. T. A. in the mood to permit that to be done by tricks that could not be done at the polls."

EXPECT 75,000 MAJORITY.

Toronto, Oct. 24.—A majority of 55,000 for the Ontario temperance act on returns already tabulated is claimed by prohibition headquarters here at noon. Dry leaders confidently expected that the majority will reach 75,000 when returns are complete.

An explanation of the Conservative stand on the tariff, complimentary to Mr. Baldwin's declaration, was given by Neville Chamberlain at Walsall last night. He said that while the Conservatives did not intend to introduce a general tariff, they would be free to protect any particular industry which was being undermined by unfair competition. This would be done by the introduction of a new "safeguarding of industries bill," he said.

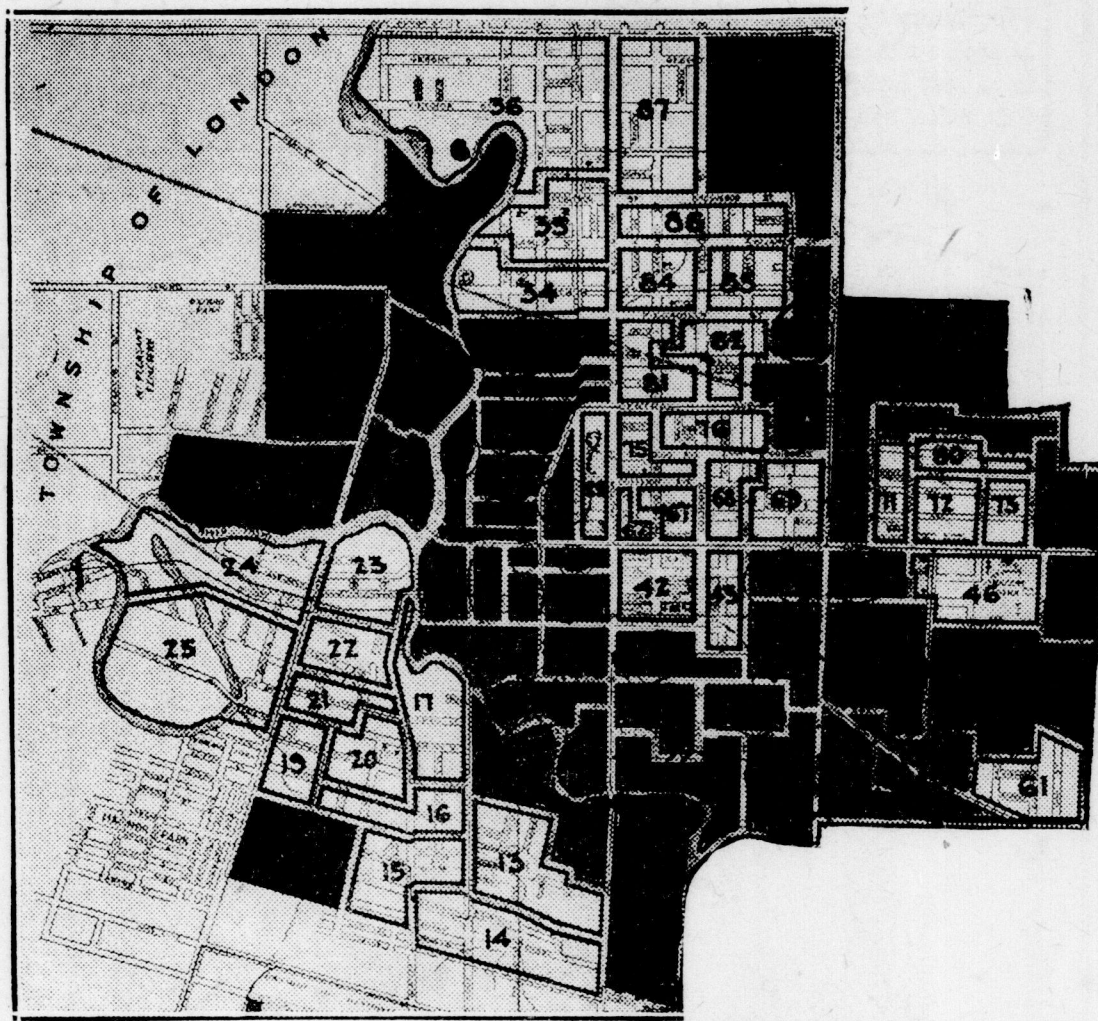
DOCTORS STRIVE TO SAVE RIGHT EYE OF YOUNGSTER

Physicians operated on Wilson Teller, 5 years old, of 87 Briscoe street, at Victoria Hospital this morning in an effort to save the sight of his right eye. The boy severely injured his eye yesterday while playing with his brother, and last night physicians believed an operation would have to be performed. His condition was reported at the hospital today to be satisfactory.

Seaplane to Save Lives of Whites

Air Route Planned in British Guiana to Carry Sick to Town.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Oct. 24.—A seaplane specially designed to carry white men who fall ill with fever on the plantations to the nearest place where they can obtain treatment, has been built for service in British Guiana between a number of company plantations and the nearest township. The plane, which will be summoned by wireless, can accomplish the distance in a little more than two hours.



LONDON'S VOTE TOLD BY SUBDIVISIONS.

No, this is not an Advertiser Cross-Word Puzzle. It is a map of the riding of London, showing how the city's vote went in subdivisions. The black areas are subdivisions which returned a majority favoring government sale. The white blocks are subdivisions which supported continuance of the temperance act. Subdivisions 45, 46, 62, 63, 64, 65, 89 and 90, though within the city limits, are not shown on this map because their vote belongs to the riding of East Middlesex. All of these favored government sale. Wards One and Four voted for the O. T. A. while Wards Two and Three favored government sale. The official figures from the returning officer will show a city majority for government sale of approximately 500 votes. This is a distinct change from past temperance majorities, but still a remarkable contrast with the other large cities of Ontario, all of which voted overwhelmingly against the O. T. A. Detailed figures of the city's vote by wards and subdivisions are given on page three.

PETER SMITH CASE IN JURY'S HANDS

Chief Justice Meredith Asks Some Pointed Questions in Summing Up.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Oct. 24.—The jury in the trial of Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer; Aemilius Jarvis, Jun., and Aemilius Jarvis, Sen., and Harry Peppall, charged with conspiracy to defraud the province, went out at 12:15, after His Lordship Chief Justice R. M. Meredith, and W. N. Tilley, K.C., crown prosecutor, had taken the morning in reviewing the case. The big courtroom was crowded to hear the final part of a trial, which has had dominion-wide interest in view of the prominence of the men charged.

His Lordship said that the charge simplified was that the four men had endeavored to cheat the province. He asked what Jarvis, Sen., had done that he should get such a large sum of money. He had risked none of his own money in buying the bonds in England, and the bankers there had done the real work.

Court Asks Question.

The banks for doing the work got three-eighths of one per cent, while Jarvis got eight per cent. "If he made that money honestly then all we can do is to blame the government for being foolish," said his Lordship. "Do you think any real businessman would enter a proposition of that kind?" He asked if the money were made honestly, why the securities were not sent to Toronto instead of being foolishly sent to London.

He told the jury that it must be satisfied that Peter Smith got the securities or part of them. "If he didn't get them, Andrew Peppall could prove it, but Smith has not the benefit of Andrew Peppall's evidence. If he received the bonds from someone else why has he not brought that someone here to say so?" asked his Lordship.

Scores Smith and Jarvis.

Mr. Tilley said that Peter Smith went to the government with "a lie on his lips and deceit in his heart," and that he had been a stool pigeon, and had put over the transaction with Jarvis, Sen., as two rogues would. The elder Jarvis, he said, was responsible for the whole deal. The younger Jarvis, if he were not in the original plot, he continued, knew of it later. Peter Smith, he said, had taken advantage of his position and that of a reputable broker to involve the province in a loss of \$520,000 in order to put one-third of the amount in his own pocket.

CADETS ARRIVE IN CITY.

Cadets from the following points are in London today for the King George V. challenge trophy shoot for school cadets: Goderich, Clinton, St. Marys, Stratford, Guelph, Fergus, Tillsonburg, St. Thomas, Chatham, Windsor, Sarnia, Wingham, Harris, Listowel, Parkhill, and Clinton. These teams are in addition to those representing the London technical school and the De La Salle academy.

Over 60,000 O.T.A. Lead From Western Ontario

Fourteen counties of Western Ontario largely responsible for province's verdict—London's vote makes sharp contrast with big wet majorities of Hamilton, Ottawa, Toronto and Windsor.

The fourteen counties of Western Ontario supported the Ontario temperance act yesterday by a majority which will total over 60,000 votes. To a large extent, Western Ontario is responsible for the province's verdict against government sale.

There are 34 ridings in the western counties, including London city. Returns are now practically complete from 30 of the 34, giving a temperance majority of 58,876.

The unreported ridings are Brant North, Grey Center, Grey South and Lambton West. These may be expected to increase the O. T. A. majority by several thousands.

Only six of the 34 ridings have returned majorities for government sale. These are South Bruce, by 80; North Essex, by 6,826; West Kent, by 220; London, by 540; North Waterloo, by 5,500; and South Waterloo, by 392.

Of these, Essex and Waterloo declared against the O. T. A. on the previous vote of 1921.

Middlesex county, in all three ridings, gave a huge dry majority, the vote being: For O. T. A., 16,009; for government sale, 6,587; majority for O. T. A., 10,422.

Elgin, Huron, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth and Wellington, in all their ridings, gave almost equally big O. T. A. majorities.

London turned from the O. T. A. to government sale by a majority of 540 in a total vote of over 28,000, but in doing so demonstrated again, by contrast with other cities, the strength of temperance support.

London's vote, compared with the other four large cities of the province, is as follows:

	O.T.A.	G. C.	Majority
LONDON	11,492	12,032	540
Hamilton	14,440	28,168	13,728
Ottawa	15,240	25,629	10,389
Toronto	78,587	128,024	50,437
Windsor	4,758	17,370	12,612

These are unofficial figures. London's official vote will not be reported by the returning officer until tomorrow.

HARRY RADEL IS TURNED OVER TO WESTERN POLICE

Harry Radel, London man, who is wanted in Winnipeg on a charge of theft of an automobile, was taken to that city this morning in company with Manitoba provincial officer J. R. Watson.

RADEL WAS ARRESTED IN THIS CITY

Radel was arrested in this city several weeks ago on a charge of theft of money from a cash register at the Dodge Bros. garage. In police court he was found guilty of the charge, but because of his past good record was allowed to go on suspended sentence and under bond of \$500.

OTTAWA VOTE WAS LIGHT.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Fifty-three per cent of the registered voters in Ottawa went to the polls yesterday, there being 77,200 on the lists, of whom only 40,369 turned out.

FARM WORKER IS HELD ON INSANITY CHARGE

A man of 60, giving the name of Ducksbury, was arrested at 1:30 this morning, wandering near the city limits in Westminster township, by High Constable Wharton. He was lodged in the county jail on a charge of insanity, and was remanded by County Magistrate Hawkshaw this morning in order that he might be examined by the jail physician, Dr. James D. Wilson.

The list revealed that John D. Ducksbury had been working for a farmer on Brick street, near the Brick Street Methodist church, who telephoned the high constable at midnight that Ducksbury had been acting in a queer manner.

FINAL COMPETITION.

The final stock judging competition between junior farmers of Elgin and Middlesex is being conducted today on Middlesex and Elgin farms for the silver cup donated by Col. Robert McEwen and E. S. Little. Each county has won a competition and today's winners will hold the cup for a year.

BAPTISTS LAUNCH BIG CONVENTION

Vice-President McDiarmid Opens Session in Talbot Street Church.

DEVOTED TO SERVICE.

President Is Expected To Arrive in London This Afternoon.

Vice-president Rev. H. McDiarmid of the Baptist convention of Ontario and Quebec, presided at the opening service in the Talbot street Baptist church this morning in the absence of President Albert Matthews, who will arrive this afternoon.

About forty delegates had registered by noon, and the remainder will reach the city tonight and on Saturday. The first two days of the convention are devoted to service, and some addresses, the business of the convention beginning on Monday of next week.

At a quarter to nine tonight, Mr. Matthews will deliver his presidential address, and in the afternoon there will be addresses by Rev. J. D. MacLachlan, ex-chancellor, Professor A. L. McCrimmon and Brethren Kendall and James.

Saturday's program includes the report of the committee on the state of religion, the report of the rural church committee, the report of the historical committee, and an address by Rev. W. H. Langton.

On Wednesday afternoon when the report of the board of governors and senate of McMaster university is presented, the most interesting feature of the present convention will be discussed, that of the future home of McMaster university. In view of the proposed change to Hamilton the board conducted a special investigation into the position of the university and its recommendations will be contained in the report to be read on Wednesday.

The report on the provincial B. Y. P. U. one of the most vital parts of the work of the church, will be presented on Monday morning at half-past nine.

SPEECH BARRAGE HITS UNITED STATES VOTERS

Candidates Converge on Eastern States as Campaign Nears End.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Oct. 24.—With the end of the campaign in sight the voters of the United States today faced a barrage of speeches from the leaders of three major political parties. Intensified last-minute efforts to arouse the enthusiasm of the voters were concentrated mainly in the eastern states.

Today the candidates converged on the eastern states. Senator Charles McNary, independent presidential candidate, was en route from Detroit to Syracuse.

Charles McNary, Republican vice-presidential nominee, left Wilmington, Delaware, early today for New York.

In a statement issued before he boarded his train, Mr. McNary made his first public prediction on the outcome of the voting Nov. 4. "There is no question of what the decision will be," he said. "There is going to be a great Republican vote Nov. 4."

John W. Davis, Democratic standard bearer, ended his western tour last night and was en route to New York today.

FORD FAMILY'S INCOME TAXES ARE \$19,000,000

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Oct. 24.—The public awe this morning to find the megalomaniac newspapers printing under large heads, details of income tax payments by the country's wealthiest citizens.

Immediate protests were made by some of those whose returns were printed on the ground that such publicity would work an injury to their business.

The list revealed that John D. Ducksbury, Jun., had made by far the greatest individual return in New York state, his income tax payments in 1923 amounting to \$7,435,163.41.

NOT TO PARTICIPATE.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Oct. 24.—The South African government, according to the Morning Post, has definitely decided not to participate in the British Empire exhibition at Wembley next year.



E. E. REID, president of the London temperance committee, who praises the workers of London and Western Ontario for the great backing given the O. T. A.

LONDON LEADERS OF O.T.A. PLEASED

E. E. Reid Praises Co-operation Given in Support of Temperance in London.

E. E. Reid, president of the London temperance committee, gave out the following statement this morning to The Advertiser concerning yesterday's plebiscite vote:

"That the great province of Ontario should have decided to remain dry is cause for the utmost gratification. I believe those opposed to the O. T. A., as well as those in favor of it, will come to see that in due time, so far as London is concerned, we had hoped for a small majority, but, considering the way the other larger cities voted, we are satisfied."

"No praise is too great to bestow upon Mrs. Calder and her co-workers for their unremitting toil and buoyant enthusiasm. It proved very difficult to get men to match them and I feel that we have an adverse majority in London simply because of that fact."

"The accusation that the bootleggers were with us is answered most emphatically by the location of the government control vote. No one who knew the facts believed this report, and many were stirred up to the last minute and voted against the act, sincerely believing that government control would help to do away with bootlegging, in spite of all the proof adduced from the other provinces to the contrary."

"The close vote was due probably to the fact that the relatively poor man thought he was entitled to his liquor as well as the rich, and only by making it impossible for the rich to have liquor will we establish a satisfactory state of affairs and take away the reproach of being the barroom for our neighbors to the south."

Impartial and Fair.

"There were a good many irregularities at the local polls, which we please see page 15, column 1."

BOUNDARY QUESTION WILL BE DISCUSSED

Education Board Committee Meets Monday to Talk School Matter.

There will be a special meeting of No. 1 committee of the board of education next Monday afternoon for the purpose of considering the boundary question as it pertains to the public schools of the city.

At its last meeting the committee asked Inspectors V. K. Greer and G. A. Venable to bring in a report on the whole question after consulting with the principals on the matter.

The committee will consider the report of the inspectors at its meeting on Monday and make what recommendations it sees fit to the board at its November meeting.

It is understood that in compliance with the directions of the committee the inspectors will recommend only a minimum number of changes in the various districts.

It is also understood that what few changes may be made will largely affect the schools of the downtown area.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT
SWEEPS ENGLISH SHOW

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Oct. 24.—British Columbia has almost swept the boards in winning prizes at the great fruit show now being held in Birmingham.

Besides capturing the empire championship for her dessert apple, British Columbia has won eleven first prizes and two second prizes.

ORE DOCKS DESTROYED.

Associated Press Despatch.
Escazaba, Mich., Oct. 24.—The Chicago and Northwestern Railway's No. 3 and 4 ore docks were destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss will total \$1,250,000.

BANDITS PAY FOR CRIME WITH LIVES

Four Montreal Murderers Are Hanged Early This Morning in Jailyard.

ORDEAL IS INTENSE

Last Rites of Roman Catholic Church Are Given the Condemned Men.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Oct. 24.—Louis Morel, ex-Montreal detective; Arcangelo di Vincenzo, alias "Tony Frank"; Giuseppe Serafini and Frank Cambino, four of the six men found guilty of the murder of Hector Cleveroux, chauffeur of the collection car of the Bank of Hochelaga, on April 1 last, paid the penalty for their crime a few minutes before 5 o'clock this morning when they were hanged at Bordeaux jail here.

They went to their death in pairs. Morel and Gambino were executed simultaneously on one scaffold, Serafini and Frank on the other. It was eight minutes to 5 o'clock when the doors leading to the scaffold were thrown open and Morel and Gambino walked off to the gallows. Gambino, who was in a state of collapse, was pinioned first. The last rites of the Roman Catholic church were given to the condemned men.

Morel had to bear the ordeal of awaiting his turn, and as the priest held the crucifix to his lips, the woman started screaming ahead of him, averting his eyes from the work at his side. In a few seconds the bodies dropped through the scaffold, and as the bodies of Serafini and Frank still swayed from the drop, the first stroke of the church bell sounded 5 o'clock.

Left Final Letter.

Louis Morel wrote two letters last night, one to his daughters and the other an appeal to the Creator.

The first read:

"To my children: I write you my last thoughts before leaving this earth. My heart is torn with grief and remorse at the miseries I have caused you. I beg God to keep you, and I also pray to God to prolong your lives and to keep your souls and your hearts charitable, as you have been since giving me the eternal kiss. I love you, my children, and I pray to God to bring you beside me in heaven."

The second letter read:

"O my Creator, I offer you my death in a spirit of reparation for all the sins of my life. I offer you my death as an act of perfect love, as my last act on earth, to cover everybody, and I implore the Holy Virgin to lessen the wrath of God and to preserve Neri from eternal damnation."

NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES RUMORED

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Oct. 24.—The French cabinet today approved Premier Herriot's proposal to name a diplomat to service, although announcement of the specific changes and appointments will not be made until a later date. It is understood that included among the shifts of French representatives abroad, the choice of Emile Daelechner to succeed Jules Jusserand as French ambassador to the United States.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate, with wind, fair and moderately warm today and Saturday.

The pressure is high from the great lakes southward, also over the Pacific States, and relatively low over the western provinces and British Columbia.

The weather has been fine from Alberta to the maritime provinces.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	52	32	Rain
Calgary	70	40	Fair
Winnipeg	60	45	Clear
Port Arthur	69	54	Clear
Harry	50	40	Fair
Toronto	63	42	Fair
Kingston	58	38	Clear
Ottawa	64	38	Fair
Montreal	58	44	Clear
Quebec	48	42	Cloudy
Father Point	42	32	Clear
St. John	52	38	Fair
Halifax	54	38	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 60; lowest, 56.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 47; lowest, 41.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—29.52.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.65.