Ontario Temperance Act Sustain By About 40,000 Majority.

CITIES GO "WET" RURAL DISTRICTS "DRY"

Much Discussion on Future Action in View of Cleavage Between Ur-ban and Rural Districts.

6,522 Polls Out of 7,332.

Majority for O. T. A 39,879

Toronto, Oct. 24. With the majority now close to the 40,000 mark and climbing slowly as the remaining outlying polls are heard from, there are prospects that the final majority for the retention of the O. T. A. in the plebiscite yesterday will reach 50,000. The "dry" majority has grown steadily, though with increasing slowness, since the polls remaining to be heard from were almost entirely small ones, ever since the early majority for Government control disappeared near midnight last night. Thus Ontario has declared against, following the lead of the four Western provinces into the "wet" column.

Something over 1,000,000 citizens of the province went to the polls yesterday and, while the urban population was overwhelmingly against prohibition, the farming districts remained true to form and proved as emphatically "dry". The result is that the Ontario Temperance Act of 1916, confirmed in 1919, by a majority of 407,000, in a plebiscite held in connection with the provincial elections, has been again upheld, or Smith."

sand the whole he imposed the said sand the which he imposed to the said sand the which he imposed to the said sand the which he imposed to the said sand th though the majority vote is apparently cut to about one-eighth of that figure. Returns are still very incomplete, but the missing polls are expected to add to the dry column.

Much Discussion.

The result of the cleavage between city and farm is that much discussion following the sentence of Chief has arisen in the urban centers on the Justice R. M. Meredith of three possibility of some form of local option to give to separate communities their chosen system of liquor rest-rictions. There is even talk, reflected unofficially in newspaper columns, of a concerted movement in the Legislature on the part of represtatives from "wet" areas. The most notable of these is Toronto, where eight separate constituencies went "wet." The attitude of the Provincial Government, however, as reflected in a statement issued by Premier Ferguson, after a long cabinet meeting to-day, is that the present liquor legislation has been up-held by popular vote and the Government intends to abide by that The attitude of prohibition leaders here is that the principle of prohibition has been upheld and that paid, according to the judge's sent their next concern will be with ence, before either man is freed aft-nation-wide prohibition. The Moderation League, which sponsored the the sale of liquor under Government control, suggests that in the light of yesterday's results prohibitory legislation will be difficult of enforcement in urban cent ers and suggests some system of local option as a solution of the difficulty.

Calls For Local Option. In commenting upon the revised returns, C. D. Boyce, general secretary of the Moderation League of Ontario, stated: "It is still my personal opinion that local option have to be put into effect in Ont-ario, in view of the comparatively small majority on the large vote cast and the attitude taken by residents of cities and towns on the Whether or not active steps will be taken with the object of having a system of local option introduced is a question that will, in all probability, be considered short-

ly by the Moderation League.' Toronto, Oct. 25 .- Following is the provincial summary this morning—6,591 sub divisions out of 7,332 show—for Ontario Temper-ance Act 542,196 for Government control 501,828; dry majority 40,

Very little change in the standing of the vote on the Ontario Temperance Act was apparent this morning. The majority for prohibition bition hovered around 40,000 with several hundred polls still to hear from. It is not likely that any close estimate of the majority can be formed until the official count is an-

No Concessions Premier Ferguson was asked if the government would bring in a local option bill in view of the fact that most of the bigger centres of population had voted against pro-

The government cannot give any concessions to "wet" cities, replied Mr. Ferguson. "The result of the vote is apparent, and the issue was one clearly defined, and agreed upon by both parties beforehand."

ONTARIO STAYS DRY Jail Term and Huge Fine Are Meted Out To Hon. Peter Smith

Former Treasurer of the Province in the late U. F. O. Government and Aemilius Jarvis, Sr., Found Guilty of Conspiracy to Defraud-Three Years Sentence and Joint Fine of \$600,000 is Imposed and the Latter Gets Six Months in County Jail— Appeal Will be Entered—Pepall Jarvis Jr., are Acquitted.

Toronto, Oct. 25-Peter Smith, ormer treasurer of the province in the late U. F. O. government, and Aemilius Jarvis, Sr., was head of the former long-established and widely-known bond and brokerage house of Aemilius Jarvis & Company Limited, were late yesterday afternoon found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the province.

Smith was sentenced to serve three years in Portsmouth penitentiary, and Jarvis was sentenced serve six months in the county jail. In addition, both men must remain

in prison until fines are paid. Aemilius Jarvis, Jr., son convinced broker, and Harry G. Pepall, vice-president and general manager respectively of the bond firm, were both found not guilty of conspiracy to defraud the province. The theft charges against all four were dismissed.

London. Ont., Oct. 25 -Chief Justice R. M. Meredith stated this morning that the six hundred thou-sand dollar fine which he imposed

Spent Night in Jail.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer of Ontario and Aemilius Jarvis, senior, prominent yachtsman and head of the bond house bearing his name, spent the night in the county jail years in penitentiary for the former treasurer and six months the broker, in connection with their conviction by an assize court jury last evening of conspiracy to de fraud the province.

This morning an attempt is being made to secure the freedom of Smith and Jarvis on bail while an appeal is taken in the case to the Apellate Division of the supreme court of Ontario on the question of alleged misdirection to the jury by the

trial judge.

Wants Money Back.

It is understood that a fine imposed on the convicted men by Chief Justice Meredith was \$600,000 in all, not \$600,000 each, as assumed some quarters. This amount is to be mposed in each case, His Lordship's intention was to secure return to the province of the amount lost to the public in the illegal transactions.



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Fall Plowing Is Now General In Province

There Will be Plenty of Rough Feed For Stock in Lambton

The following is a summary of reports made by the agricultural representatives to the Ontario department of agriculture.

Another week of excellent weather has permitted completion of many major crop harvests. Fall plowing has become more general in preparation for the next crop.

Potato rot is reported more prevalent which will have a tendency to offset the extra heavy yields in many localities. Market quotations range from 45c to \$1.00 and in one

case \$1.25 per bag. Livestock is being marketed freely but hauling ou t of other products, such as hay and grains, is being postponed until a more convenient sea-

Cheese factories are operating later this year owing to the abundant pastures and favorable weather but many patrons and managers are now preparing for the winter disposition of milk and milk products.

Lambton-With three cuttings of alfalfa, plenty of straw and good ensilage corn crops, there will be plenty of roughage for feeding cattle. At a local auction sale this week, dairy cows did not sell above \$65. The quality however, was not very high. Dairymen in the vicinity of Sarnia have been picking up some choice cows over the county at \$100 a piece. Farmers are busily engaged

in the north part of the county picking apples and in the southern part, lifting the sugar beets.

Algoma—This has been an excep-tionally good fall for getting work done. The weather has been clear and warm for the past six weeks.

Bruce-A number of carloads of well finished export cattle are to be seen on the grass in several localities throughout the county. More requests have been received for federal assistance in the purchase of pure bred rams this fall than formerly. Evidently the average sheep raised is beginning to realize the value of using pure bred sires in his

flock Kent-A few carloads of western steers have come into the county during the past week. We do not anticipate that a large number of cattle will be fed this year on account of the advanced prices of all grains. Similar to the last few weeks the run of hogs has been small. The prices being paid the farmer range from 10 cents to 104 cents. The number of hogs in the county is much smaller than at this time last year. Some districts are estimated at only 50 per cent. This again is due to the low price of pork during summer as well as the increased cost of feed and the decreased yield of corn.



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Let There Be Light

The familiar but heretofore unadopted proposal that lights be played on all vehicles, horse-drawn as well as motor, using the high-ways at night came before the recent conference of the Wardens of Ontario counties and Provincial authorities, with a resulting agreement to advocate enactment of legislation requiring such display—a decision that seems to leave small field for argument, inasmuch as it is based upon sound commonsense.

Rural opposition has always blocked the proposal as it has recurred from year to year; but that opposition has evidently now seen a light that will in due course be reflected upon the highways of the Province, to the better safeguarding of all users of those highways, be their source of transportation power en-

gine or gasoline. The benefits derived will split be-tween the two, with the scale inclined in favor of the man behind the horse, for impact between his and the motor driven vehicle usually has results more disastrous to the former

than to the latter. The increased volume of motor traffic and the accelerated rate of its speed, due to the betterment of the highways, has made travel by night in a vehicle minus a warning light a

drawn vehicle may be put to some expense in providing lighting equipment, but such outlay will rank small beside the cost of a first-class funeral, and the possibility of expenditure upon the latter will be much lessened, once the warning radiance is install-