THREE CENTS.

# Three Wards Show Population Increase of Thousand

## PLEBISCITE DATE IS "A PURE GUESS" THINKS FERGUSON

Premier Evades Announcement of Liquor Vote on October 23 Obtained by Leading Conservative Organ—Declines To Confirm or Definitely Deny That Date Set.

MAY BE TRICK TO TEST PUBLIC OPINION

The Morning Advertiser today, in company with other morning papers, published a despatch from Toronto announcing the decision of the Ontario government to hold a plebiscite on the liquor question on Thursday, Oct. 23. This announcement Premier Ferguson now declines to confirm, describing it as "a pure guess."

The announcement was first obtained in Toronto by the Mail

and Empire and reached The Advertiser and other papers a few minutes later through the Canadian Press, a co-operative news gathering agency maintained by Canadian newspapers, of which both The Advertiser and the Mail and Empire are members.

The Mail and Empire is recognized as the mouthpiece of Mr Ferguson and his cabinet; it is also accepted as a reliable and cautious newspaper. In view of these facts it seems foolish to believe that the Mail and Empire would "guess" at such an announce ment, or that it would need to guess.

The value of Premier Ferguson's evasion of confirmation must be judged in the light of these circumstances. One is led to conclude either that Mr. Ferguson is resorting to trickery in order to sound public opinion, or that his cabinet is in the throes of serious internal disagreements.

"PURE GUESS." SAYS THE PREMIER. The following despatch from Toronto gives the premier's com-

ment on the announcement Toronto, July 17.—"A pure guess."

This was the full extent of the comment made by Premier Ferguson today when asked as to the truth of a morning paper story to the effect that the Ontario government had decided to hold the iquor referendum on Thursday, Oct. 23.

"The article says that the government has decided." The Advertiser pointed out to the premier.
"It is a pure guess," repeated the premier.

"Do you think that the time is ripe?"
"I have declined to give any interviews on the subject," said the premier firmly, but politely

will pass upon the liquor issue on

Thursday, October 23 next. De-

The form of the question to be

wet and dry forces.

TWO SMALL BLAZES

CAUSED BY LIGHTNING

## Trickery or Fear?

Opinions expressed by Londoners cision to hold a plebiscite upon that liquor plebiscite on October 23 and date has, after careful consideration, its subsequent evasion by Premier been reached by the government, Ferguson suggest various explana- and represents the fulfilment of tions of what now appears to be a Premier Ferguson's election-time New System Is Tried Out by the provincial cabinet.

"I think this announcement was made with official sanction," said a local clergyman to The Advertiser. and I think it was carefully timed to coincide with the news that Sas-nounced by the prime minister, but katchewan has rejected prohibition in order to influence the public. Mr. Ferguson's denial is silly, but there for the campaign purposes of both

"The premier is handling a serious question in very unseemly fashion definite statement and then said tries to say it's a guess. It's no place for jokes or guesses. It looks tate the public into demanding a plebiscite in order to get rid of all these rumors and tomfoolery.'

Another man believed that Mr. people, it is said. Ferguson's cabinet is so divided on the questino that no one knows what ises," he said. "At election time he held hands with the temperance people and winked at the wets, and the part of the government to make the part of the government to make and Brantford. now he's in a real quandary. There's a strong wet element in the government and I think Ferguson is really voter.

## **ISSUES \$25,000 WRIT** AGAINST CHATHAM MAN

Husband of Toronto Woman, Killed in Car Accident, Takes Action.

Associated Press Despatch. 1825,000 damages, has been issued at blaze was extinguished with chem-son of a policeman, whose mutilated body was found last night in a thicket Csgoode Hall against Francis Hath- icals. away, Chatham, Ont., by Sam Shep- Lightning struck a wire outside the pard, husband of Lily Sheppard, who office of the George H. Belton Lumwas killed by Hathaway's car on was killed by Hathaway's car on Yonge street, north of Richmond Hill, on July 2. Hathaway was arraigned in the county police court yesterday, and the case was enlarged for two weeks. Hathaway is how out on bail. now out on bail.

## NORWAY PARLIAMENT

Odelsting today, by a vote of 63 to the government is expected to resign. use of Advertiser "Want" Ads.



JOKES AND GUESSES. Premier Ferguson last week said he was "only joking" about the liquor plebiscite. Now the premier announcement made by his leading

Bombardier Is Killed While Seeking Entry to Connaught Battery.

The Morning Announcement. The following despatch is the morning announcement of the plebiscite on Oct. 23: Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, July 17.—Ontario citizens

# **BLOCK SIGNAL SYSTEM**

pledge of a vote for the people "if C. N. R. For First and when public opinion demands

between London and Komoka was conference should be followed. put into operation for the first time, passenger train No. 12 from Windsor The prime minister and his colleagues are desirous of giving the leagues are desirous of giving the section arises.

being the first to use it. This system is designed to permit of trains running more closely together when gesting that something in the nature question in very unseemly fashion," leagues are desirous of giving the question in very unseemly fashion," leagues are desirous of giving the congestion arises. Signals are placed one mile apart, the distance between dominion representation in the conthought, with the object of sub- each one being called a "block." When ference from time to time. On the a definite statement and then said the was only joking. Now he apparently makes a statement and then tries to say it's a guess. It's no place for jokes or guesses. It looks the said mitting a proposition, the vote upon which may be accepted as accurately fluminates a red light in the signal post, which remains burning until the looked to substitute the said mitting a proposition, the vote upon which may be accepted as accurately fluminates a red light in the signal post, which remains burning until the ace for jokes or guesses. It looks opinion. Announcement of the train has passed on to the next block the public into demanding a question's form will be made to the when a train is in the second block question's form will be made in the light on the first one turns yellow ample time to insure its fair discussion and comprehension by the people, it is said.

The light on the first one turns yellow, and when it has reached the third block the light in the first one thanges to green. Thus an engineer on one train is always aware of the Another than Along with the desire to make the the question of the time, the premier the harvest of false election prompthe harvest election elect

### "Trick ballot charges, which have HOLD MAN AS WITNESS resounded from wet platforms ever since the 1919 vote, will not, according to the government's resolve. persist from either side after this

Police Believe Hospital Helper Can Tell Something of Brutal Deed.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, July 17.—Joseph Gott-Lightning caused two fires in the city last evening, but neither was lieb, 18 years old, a kitchen helpe very serious. The Manufacturers at the Sea View Hospital, New Dorr Staten Island, was detained last night Building at Queens Park was struck Toronto, July 18.—A writ, claiming at Queens Park was struck as a material witness in the murd as 25,000 damages has been issued at bless marked by the struck and a switch box burned out. This of 8-year-old Francis MacDonne

### BRIGADIER M'AMNOND TO VISIT LONDON SOON

## **DOMINION SEEKS VOICE** DELEGATION Canada Objects to All Three

British Representatives From Old Land.

ANGRY SCENES

Premier King Protests Against News Coming From Press First.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, July 17 .- There was an angry scene in the commons this

morning when Premier King was being questioned on Canadian representation at the inter-allied conference Premier King had outlined communications which had passed between the Canadian and British government in regard to Canadian repre sentation at the conference and the stand taken by Canada. He had intimated that the Dominion Govern-ment was awaiting further advices from the British Government, when Right. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition read a press desof the opposition read a press des-patch of this morning's date bearing

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., July 17.—Acting
Lance Bombardier W. F. Groves of
the Royal Canadian Artillery, was
fatally shot in the abdomen this
morning by Gunner G. Coteman of
the same unit, while the latter was
seeking admittance to Connaught
Battery near here. Groves died at
Camp Hill Military Hospital this afternoon. Coteman was handed over
to the civil authorities and lodged in
jail. which the government is not in

which the government is not in a position to reply to."

Premier King stated previously that at the preliminary conference of dominion high commissioners it had developed that the purpose of the conference was not to arrange for separate dominion representation, but to inform the dominion representation. hal already been decided upon. was stated that not more than three representatives of the British Em-pire could be present at the conference, and apparently these three were to be representatives of the British government. Canada had objected, and taken the

This morning at 10 o'clock the new block signal system on the C. N. R. and the Versailles peace conference and the Washington disarmament objection by foreign nations t internal organization of the British delegation, that, said Premier King,

## Reform Laws Lead To Crime

distance between his own train and Says San Francisco Police Officer in Montreal.

> Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, July 17.-Crime waves oegin as soon as reformative laws go nto operation, Capt. Duncan Matheon, of the San Francisco police department, declared last night in a paper on "Law Enforcement and Causes of Crime," read to the con-vention of the International Associaon of Chiefs of Police now in ses

> Captain Matheson said that crime in the United States is on the in-crease, because of namby-pamby laws passed at the behest of "socalled reformers, social nuisances half-baked individuals, professiona purifiers and ill-advised meddlers" greedy for publicity and bent on making everybody's business their

### PLANS NEARLY READY FOR BIG IRISH OUTING

Members of the picnic committee at her home yesterday and broke the Irish Benevolent Society met today at noon in the Tecumseh House, and furthered arrangements for the annual outing on Aug. 13 at Port Stanley.

Bartefely. House, and furthered arrangements seriously. cident and was kept there overnight a to see if she had sustained any in-

biaze. This blaze was put out with little trouble. There was no serious of for two weeks. Hathaway is but on bail.

Brigadier McAmnond reports this softball game between the Jersey of the city playgrounds. Harry Ranahan was appointed as head of the city playgrounds. Harry Ranahan was appointed as head of the city playgrounds. Harry Ranahan was appointed as head of the sorts of the city playgrounds. Harry Ranahan was appointed as head of the city playgrounds. Harry Ranahan was appointed as head of the city playgrounds. Harry Ranahan was appointed as head of the city playgrounds. Harry Ranahan was appointed as head of the city playgrounds. Harry Ranahan was appointed as head of the city playgrounds. We want a point of the city playgrounds. Harry Ranahan was appointed as head of the city playgrounds. We want and a number of novelty races will feature the bill for the day.

WAY PARLIAMENT

UPHOLDS PROHIBITION

CERTIFICATES SENT OUT.

Flying Officer W. N. Plenderleith, missing with his commander, A. Stuart MacLaren, near Japan, in panied by a number of officers of the day.

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Command reports this bittle trouble. There was no serious softball game between the Jersey MacLAREN'S PILOT.

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at the same time. help. She was able to get to the cover her balance, fell,



J. BIRNIE SMITH, prominent London Mason, past master of St. John's, 209a, elected district

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal. July 17.—Mrs. Agnett ion of Minneapolis fell to her death the sixth story of the Ritz on Hotel this morning. Mrs. was on a holiday visit to this ith her husband, following a illness from a nerve malady.

Irishman Faced With Possibility of Being Classed As Alien.

Are Free Staters aliens?
"What's your nationality?" queried
Assessment Commissioner Harry
Bennett of a recent arrival in London from Cork, Ireland.
"I am a Free Stater," was the proud response.

Invited to Dimit.

George Peltier said all the party was invited to partake of dinner with hi mand his wife, the meal consisted of mud turtle soup, mud turtle roast, and fish. Omar Louzon had grabbed his wife, and he had "turned him Are Free Staters aliens?

Mrs. A. B. Nichols Injured

in Accident in

Home.

ALONE AT TIME

Finally Successful in Crawling

Upstairs To Summon

Doctor.

Mrs. A. B. Nichols, 36 Beaconsfield

avenue, who fell down the cellar steps

both her wrists, considers herself

WOMAN HAS BOTH WRISTS

BROKEN IN FALL TO CELLAR

Man and Woman Go to Jail Following Drunken Party On Shore of Lake St. Clair

Women Admit Drinking Liquor and Court Imposes Fine.

MUD TURTLE DINNER

High Constable Will Investigate Reports of Nude Bathing Party.

Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

Chatham, July 17 .- Residents of hatham and Dover Township, who crowded the local police court this morning hoping to hear evidence re-garding an alleged "Adam and Eve" bathing party late last Sunday after-noon on the shores of Lake St. Clair near the mouth of the Thames River were doomed to disappointment There was a 'party' held there, however, which was considerably pepped up by a gallon of moonshine whiskey purchased at a cost of \$8 and which spelled trouble for six men and two women of Dover Township. All appeared before County Magis-

ate A. B. Carscellen of Wallaceburg, eaded guilty with one exception, ad were fined under the O. T. A. Woman From Minneapolis
Killed in Montreal

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Joseph Couture pleaded guilty of selling the liquor and was fined \$20 or four months in jail. An inlander of the country of the country

Sent to Jail. Gilbert Louzon, who had been or dered by the court some time ago not to seek the society of Mrs. Viola Tetreault, was not given the option of a fine, and was sent down for six months. Mrs. Tetreault was fined

\$100 and costs or two months in jai and said she would serve e contence. "There is an additional sentence of one month," added the contence of verman, Frank Louzon, "rs Gaspard St. Pierre and Omar Louzon, who all admitted being drunk on Sunday afternoon, were, each fined \$20 and costs while Joe Cartier

near a shack on the beach. body felt good, witness said.

Mrs. Gaspard St. Pierre, a pretty, young woman under 20, handed her baby to a friend while she admitted to the court she had been drunk. She and Mrs. Tetreault had imbibed from

Invited To Dinner-

"Well, in Canada, Irishmen will be classed as British subjects," he was fight him and he walked away. Some

An explanation of the Irish Society was made with difficulty, the former Free Stater becoming almost convinced that he was not only a British subject but that he was already fraternizing with the descendants of the erstwhile enemy.

Both Mrs. Tetreault and Gilbert Louzon received tongue lashings from the court before sentence was passed. High Constable Peters states that information he has regarding an alleged bathing party will be thoroughly probed "as soon as I can get at it."

Associated Press Despatch.

Knsas City, July 17.—One person were recorded, an increase of 253; sknown to be dead, 18 others are dogs, 361, an increase of 67; statute labor, 430, an increase of 101."

bneneath a falling wall. The injured were taken to a hospital.

Eighteen negroes, who occupied apartments on the second floor of the apartments on the second floor of the conditions have not been accounted for.

Children of school ages number 1,608, an increase over last year of 120. There are 1,377 Protestant children and 231 Roman Catholic 1,000 processes the conditions of the conditio

Both Mrs. Tetreault and Gilbert Febrey was driving toward the city adjustments have to be made

## Japanese Diet Raises Tariff

"Adds Hundred Per Cent to 250 Articles.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tokio, July 17.—Both houses of the imperial diet today passed the government bill raising the tariff on about 250 articles classed as luxuries

OHIO BAKERS PLEASED WITH LONDON'S GREETING

So pleased were the members of he Ohio Cake and Bread Bakers' Father Point...
Association at their recent reception St. John....

Associated Press Despatch.
Christiania, Norway, July 17.—The delsting today, by a vote of the government's bill to bolish prohibition in Norway.
In consequence of the adverse vote he government is expected to resign.

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The distinct on the cellar floor, landing with consist of 35 members as large lump on her fall. There was standing stating that the consensus of opinion was that the Lo

## **POPULATION** IN LONDON SHOWS FINE **INCREASE**

Figures For Three Wards Place Total at 945 For Year.

DOUBLE LAST YEAR

Assessors Find Work Difficult Due to Many Changes.

The increase in population for three wards this year, as shown on the assessment rolls of the city, is double the increase for the whole city last ease shown for the whole city Eight Firemen Pinned Beneath Falling Wall in Kansas warded today to the city clerk's office. "Ward Two shows a healthy growth." the commissioner stated. "It was not quite so large as Wards Three and Four, which have the an-nexed district with its low tax rate

Children Young. Most of the children in the war-

Frank Louzon told of the purchase the liquor from Couture, and ated it was later hid in the rushes ar a shack on the beach. Everydy felt good, witness said.

That weeked a two-story brick most of the children in building at Eighteenth street and Tracey avenue.

Earl Harvey, a fireman, was killed, and several other firemen were seriously injured when they were pinned from 14 to 15 years are 242,

council, Mr. Bennett says:
"Tax collection and the court of
revision necessitated thereby were
also the cause of extra work for this epartment during June. The gen-ral public, as a rule, wait for their ax notice before having complaints, errors or supposed errors investigattold.

"Oh, no, I'm not a British subject, he was gight him and he walked away. Some one told him to go back and fight, but his wife said, "beat it, and I listened to her."

"Then I'll have to class you as an alien and you'll lose your vote," the commissioner said with finality.

An armistice developed and the new citizen was sold a ticket to the Irish picnic at Port Stanley next month.

"Now, you've bought a ticket from an Orangeman," declared Mr. Bennett.

"Bennett."

Alex. Febrey Only Slightly

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Conducive to Privacy. "Income assessment notices in former years were left at the place of business or residence of the person assessed. This year we assessed all

### The Weather



yesterday has Lawrence Valley in over Manitoba and Northern Ontario

katchewan, Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures today were:

High

propose coming to London next year. Today-8 a.m., 29.02,