BANK OFFICERS SENT TO REFORMATORY

SCHOOL RECORD OFFICE LOSES TRACK OF 400 STUDENTS

Gets 18 Months

defunct Home Bank, who was sen-

Muirhead Turned Over To

Company Concerned.

BROTHER OF ACCUSED

over to the insurance company

OFFICIALS OF SCHOOL BOARD ARE

Tracers Being Sent Out and Teachers To Take "Check Up" Census.

SITUATION REMINDS OF HAMELIN'S PIED PIPER

New Record System Will Guard Against Any Future Case of the Kind.

Four hundred school children are officially "missing." Such is the novel situation which is worrying the attendance department of the public schools. M. M. Sims, chief officer, has records of more than 400 pupils who were attending school last year, but whose present whereabouts whether they are at home, have left school, have transferred to another school or have left the city. It's quite an undertaking to

after 10,000 youngsters and know exactly where they are living and what school they are attending. Most of the have gone to other schools, while number of others have probably left the ity with their parents. TAKE CENSUS.

schools asking for what information principals and teachers can give if the whereabouts of the missing chillren. In this way it is believed that the great majority of the 400 can be located, t even then there will probably be 20 · 30 whose disappearance will forever

A new system is being itiated whereby t will be impossible for any of the chiliren to slip through the fingers of the ers will be instructed to notify Mr. Sims of every child who starts in a certain hool or who moves away from one, ourpse of recrds. In this way it will be ossible for the attendance officer to

CANADA OVER THE 9,000,000 MAKK

Census Shows Population Has

anada's population has increased nearhalf a million since the last census vas taken in 1921. Estimates made by the bureau of statistics show increases in every province except Prince Edard Island, where there has been a ecline of 900. There has also been a fall of 600 in the population of the Estimates for the various provinces and territories, compared with the ersus of 1921, follow:

..... 533,000 Nova Scotla New Brunswick ... 399,400 Quebec 2,840,000 Ontario 3,062.000 2,933,662 647.000 Saskatchewan ... 815,000 757.510 637,000 Alberta ... British Columbia .. 553,000 3,550 4,157 8.490 n 1921, as taken by census, was 8,788,-

HYDRO PEAK LOAD IS NOW

20,400 H. P.; WHICH SETS

Any Previous Time—Increase at one time a week ago last Friday.

The peak load occurred at 5.15 in

the highest level in the history of downtown, it was also being consum-

Is Your Heart Big Enough?



A few dollars may be little to you, but they will be the means The large number of ballots in the adof bringing happiness to children like these. Be Alias Santa Claus vance poli, approximate that a record vote on Christmas Day! Give to The Free Press Santa Claus Fund.

Children's Appalling Need This Year Must Inspire Generosity

Hundreds Without Sufficient Clothes and Citizens Everywhere Are Asked To Make Gifts of Clothes As Well As Money—\$3,000 More Needed

Santa Claus Fund headquarters is at in the store formerly occupied by The telephone number is 2144-F. This information is given prominence here because to-day the Santa Claus Fund calls for contributions of clothes for children as well as for year is appalling. Hundreds of letceived from these little ones who see in Santa Claus not a saint bringing toys and goodies. but one who can

them food, fuel and garments to keep out winter's deadly chill.

Not only is \$4,000 needed, but every clothes closet in London should be gone over, and good, serviceable garments brought out and given to the Santa Those that have money to give, and Estimate. Census. every person with a steady income 88,615 should give something, may make their 523.837 contributions by mail to The Free Press

387 876 office, or leave it personally there; at Continued on Page Sixteen.

REVAL, Esthonia, Dec. 1. - Armed Canada total population for 1924 is o'clock this morning. According to the to-day. estimated at 9,226,740. The population officials, the attack was immediately suppressed and order restored. No dis-483. There is, therefore, an estimated turbances are reported from the other

the afternoon, and was caused largely

Free Press Will Bulletin Returns

given by The Free Press to-night in its usual bulletin service, and the results will be broadcast by radio as well. Arrangements radio as well. Arrangements have been made for securing the returns from Returning Officer Baker with the least possible delay.

The returns will not start to ne in before 7.30 as it will take the returning officers some few minutes after the close of lots, even in the smallest sub

VALUE OF VOTE

Physician Believes Voting Has Curative Powers For Patient.

Does a man or woman get personal satisfaction by casting his or her ballot heavy vote the deputy returning officers local physician to-day this is the case. it, particularly as there are six pleb-The doctor in question visited the city iscites in addition to the list of candiclerk's office to-day to inquire about dates. But that will be offset somewhat where a local resident, who is ill and by the fact that the subdivisions are one of this doctor's patients, voted. Re- smaller than they were last year, the doubtedly be relieved of paying the ceiving the information necessary, the average vote expected in each subdoctor explained that his patient division approximating 150.

thought that casting his vote would make him feel better.

"And I think it would," commented the medical man, who declared that his home

ONE KILLED, 25 HURT, IN REAR-END CRASH

Communists attacked certain Govern- reported killed and 25 other passengers were injured in a rear-end collision 7.988 ment and military buildings here at 5.30 Pennsylvania trains on the South Side

THE WEATHER

Forecasts: Lower Lakes and Geor-

NEW CONSUMPTION TOTAL ntinent and off the Atlantic coast. police were themselves arrested and hood. London Consumers Using 3,000

More Horsepower Than At

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8 a.m. Yesterday Night. lad of 16, was also taken into custody. by the premature darkness and dull- Prince Rupert. 46 ness of the day. While hydro was still Victoria Hydro consumption in London reach- being used by businesses and factories Kamloops the city last month, according to statis- ed in the homes, with the result that Prince Albert ... ics tabulated by the Public Utilities a record was attained. By a peculiar Winnipeg mission. The record peak load of coincidence the heaviest consumption S. S. Marie 0.400 horsepower was reached on Fri- occurred on the first day of winter- LONDON or its power on the peak load basis, Manager Buchanan states that while Kingston his means that the bill for November the city will be called upon to pay the Ottawa will be the largest ever paid to the largest bill in its history to the Ontario Montreal commission, it will not lose money on Quebec Normally the amount of energy con- the month. Consumption was quite St. John N. B. 24 umed does not go much above 17,000 heavy throughout the 30 days and the Halifax

All Wards Report Indications of Biggest Ballot In Civic History.

MUNICIPAL ISSUES HAVE ROUSED CITIZENS

Long Voting Day Accounts For Light Ballot Cast Before Noon Hour.

The largest vote in the history of the ity, in connection with any municipa election, is expected to be polled before the booths close to-night at 7 o'clock. According to those who have been watching the situation closely the present mayoralty contest has caused the ectors to show much more interest vance poll, approximately 300, is accept-

will be rolled up. Wnile the voting in some of the pooths was somewhat slow up to noo! that was changed early this afternoon, when the electors came out in much larger numbers. The fact that the pooths will be open until 7 to-night is said to be somewhat responsible for the small vote during the morning hours. The vast majority of electors prefer to eave this civic duty until they have inished their regular day's labors. SUBDIVISIONS INCREASED.

umber of votes polled before noon of ast year, because of the change in the ubdivisions. There are 138 divisions his year, as compared with 99 last han they had in 1923. Subdivision 101, which has approx mately 290 voters, gave 26 votes un to

n by 10 o'clock. ance company. There were 24 votes cast in subdivision 100 by noon, while nine of those were in by 10 o'clock.

But in subdivision 99 there were only 14 votes cast by noon and only four hy 15 to the effect that the writtissued against the firm by Mrs. Muirissued against the firm by Mrs. 14 votes cast by noon and only four by issued against the firm by Mrs. Muiro'clock. Those three subdivisions head, had been turned over to the in ote in the city hall.

City Clerk Baker, as returning officer.

at the present time, the insurance company alone faces the action of Mrs ficers to keep a record as to the number Muirhead. It is pointed out, however, of votes cast in certain periods through- that the lawyers of the insurance com out the day. This is to enable him to pany have not yet accepted the respon ours the polling booths should be open. onus of the defense of the civil action While the booths are open at 8 o'clock is not definitely fixed. a. m., not many take advantage of that. The writ issued in the Supreme Court as scarcely any votes were cast in many of Ontario by Mrs Muirhead subdivisions before 9 o'clock. However about one of the most complicated legal the records that are being kept to-day will show which are the most, popular bar. voting hours with the public.

As the polls do not close until o'clock it will be some little time after take the stand to defend himself on the that, probably nearly 8 o'clock, before charge of murder. many returns will be in. And with a CASES CITED. municipal elections? According to a will need considerable time to tabulate great bearing, it is conceded, on the murder, the insurance company will un

Having Still Worm.

The two elder men are also charged

guilty and were remanded till Tuesday.

The men were arrested on Saturday

RETURNS WILL BE LATE.

ENGINEERS MA UN INFUKMEKS

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—One woman was Officers Arrest Londoners For Canadian Railroads Likely To Place. Follow U. S. Board.

CASE AT ST. THOMAS AN INDIRECT

"Plant" On Farm of Ben. Black- Change Basis of Computing Overtime To Benefit of the Men.

Tuesday—Fair and becoming a little given to provincial officers to the effect granted to locomotive engineers and Woodward avenue.

Highest During lings, of London Cartlidge's son, a Montreal with the Canadian brotherhod. The conference was indefinitely with conspiring to place a still on the postponed in September, but, as was Blackstock farm. They pleaded not the case in the McAdoo award, it is alto fall in with the United States award night by Provincial Constable Felix although it has no actual jurisdiction

farm when told by Cartlidge and Raw- tualy affects all men engaged in the bers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive lings that Blackstock had agreed to sell them liquor. When the officers and the two men arrived at the farm, and the two men arrived at the farm, and said that he had a still, and said that he had told the men to come on Saturday night, hoping to lead come on Saturday night, hoping to lead overtime work will involve an actual service employees.

TERM IN PRISON

Example Made of Leighton Rumble, Who Is Given Indefinite Reformatory Sentence.

FUTURE OFFENDERS TO FACE CRIMINAL CHARGE

Magistrate Graydon Scores Cowardliness of Offense In Giving Judgment.

Following up the announcement last tenced to-day to 18 months in reweek in connection with penalties to be imposed in future on men convicted of wife desertion Magistrate Graydon to-day sentenced Leighton Rumble to an indefinite term of from three months to two years, less one day, in the Ontario reformatory. Rumble is the first wife deserter here to feel the pinch of the law in its new application. The length of his term will depend upon his frame. of mind as it applies to the support of his wife in future. In moving sentence upon Rumble who was convicted in police court a Crown Attorney Jude an

nounced that in future it is his intention to charge such offenders under the Damage Claim of Mrs. Smylie criminal code wherever the circum stances warrant. The crown asked for sufficient penalty not only to meet the crime but as a warning to men who desert their wives and leave them

destitute "I find that since this man got mar ried he has done nothing but sponge on his wife and her family," said Mr. Judd. "He not only failed to contribute to her support himself, but allowed her Car ne Muirhead, of Niagara Falls, to work and collected her wages. Then for damages arising out of the death of when she was about to become a her husband, Smylle Mulrhead, on September 27, for which Frank Barned, of as much as extend a sympathetic

this city, now awalts trial on a charge word." of murder, has definitely been turned "There is nothing more cruel in cowardly than what you have done which, it is said, the death car, driven Magistrate Graydon told Rumble. "Had Mumps and Measles Led Hence many of the subdivisions lic liability policy. This action relieves would have been placed at the mercy will have a much smaller list of voter, the Londoner charged with murder and of some charitable institution. Possibly his brother, Fred C. Barned, who is some time in the future you will change named joint defendant in the suit, from your view and decide to do what a defending the case, and the entire onus decent man ought to do. Then I will

> question of your parole comes up.' Announcemet from the firm of Mc-OF 25 STREETS surance company and, as things stand

out the day. This is to enable him to pany have not yet accepted the respon- prepare some statistics to show at what sibility, and until this is decided the Application Made To Rename | Makes a net decrease of 35, since there are not prepare some statistics to show at what sibility, and until this is decided the last year last year.

UNCHANGED

tangles in the history of the Ontari the Fatal Accidents Act, and the case Effort Made To Clear Up Conwill be heard at the Welland County fusion Due To Nomenclature. spring assizes, when Barned will also

list of 33, which were submitted to in November, 1923. Kindergarten en- nounced upon you? Judge Macbeth. The eight were not rollment is 17 lower than last year. DEFENDS HIS ACTIONS. changed because there were so many but this is compensated for by an in-objections made that it was decided crease of 18:n the auxiliary classes. The success of the other. Should the civil action be carried on first and it is that no change should be made at this total enrollment for the past month is time at least. The majority of the 8,571, as compared with 8,544 one year changes allowed will eliminate considago. ruled that the death of Muirhead was erable confusion arising from a similarhad a tendency to make it hard for those streets to be readily distinguished.

The application to change the name of the Pine Line. ity in names or other features that have had a tendency to make it hard for of the Pipe Line road to Springbank Drive was refused, among others. Rattle street, easterly from the Military Grounds, was changed to Morning-

Elias street, between William Adelaide streets, will be known as Rosedale street in future.

Home street was changed to Colgrove Grosvenor street, west of the river will be known as Essex street. The two

and the other on the west of the river, injured when an explosion occurred this ment. Mount Pleasant avenue, as it is practically a continuation of the latter street taneous combustion, took place on the bail it could not make much difference time to Benefit of the Wien.

across the Wharncliffe road.

Westmoreland avenue, from Oxford

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committee of the Canadian brother- dren's Aid Society, will be perpetuated in Sanders street, which will take the e of Hall street, extending south Brock street, west from Egerton

> RAILWAY ENGINE MEN AWARDED WAGE INCREASE

Beatrice street, from Egerton to Price,

heard arguments in behalf of the work-Devlin, Inland Revenue Officer W. T. Over the Canadian lines.

Collins and License Inspector Walter Ross, who had gone to the Blackstock Certain that the increase, which virginity of 75,000 memers the United States Railroad Labor cision granting upwards of 75,000 mem-

the men into a trap. He insisted that increase amounting to five per cent. of About 45 Western railroads are affect(Continued On Page Thirteen) the present wage. led by the decision

BARNARD AND SMITH. BANK, GO TO PRISON

Progress of the Home Bank Clean-Up

C. A. Barnard, K. C., of Montreal, director, 18 months' imprisonment and further six months indeterminate period. Lieut.-Col. Clarence Smith, of Montreal, director, six months' imprisonment and indeterminate period of six months. Sydney H. Jones, of Toronto, aud-

itor, four months' imprisonment and indeterminate period of four months. Ocean G. Smith, of Toronto, chief accountant, sentence suspended.

M. J. Haney, former president of the bank and other directors of the institution still on rial. H. J. Daly, president of the bank at time of collapse, has since died.

The Home Bank closed its doors on August 17, 1923. Loss to depositors

School Attendance In November necesitate removal of the accused to Suffers In Consequence.

KINDERGARTENS HARD HIT

Month's Disease Totals.

Mumps, measles and other contagious Of that number 12 were turned of the defense is placed on the insur- take that into consideration when the age public school attendance totals for of court a free man. November, according to statistics of Inspector V. K. Greer. Out of an enroll-

makes a net decrease of 55, since there his conviction or his trial.

changing of 25 street names out of a 7,724 students, as compared with 7,669 thing to

One Killed, One Injured, In Mon-

morning in elevator "B," of the Mont- McMASTER'S PLEA Alexander street, from Wharncliffe real Harbor Commission, on the water-Alexander street, from Wharnchile real Harbor Commission, on the real Harbor Commission (and the real Harbor Commission).

Auditor Jones Gets Four Months and Sentence On Accountant Smith Is Suspended.

HEAR JUDGE'S VERDICT Bench Refuses To Grant Further Postponements—Appeals

HOME BANK OFFICERS

May Follow. TORONTO, Dec. 1.-The Home Bank directors, C. A. Barnard and Clarence F. Smith, both of Montreal, convicted of charges under the Canadian Banking

Act arising out of the collapse of the bank in August, 1923, were given terms in the Ontario Reformatory by Judge Coatsworth this morning. Barnard gets 18 months and Smith six months. Sydney H. Jones, who was the bank auditor, was given Smith, accountant, was suspended In the case of Clarence Smith and 'six months indeterminate' is added to the six months and 18

months, respectively, and to the Sidney

Jones sentence "four months indeterminate.' The bench made no explanatory coment on the sentences. Counsel who neard the sentences were of the ion that the judge wished to avoid makng any single sentence so large as to necessitate removal of the accused to can serve out their doub'e sentences in the reformatory and there is also a chance for a parole before the indeterninate additional sentences are c oleted. All three men are in the city fail to-day. Prior to the sentence this mo ing they were at large on bail.

SMITH GOES FREE. Barnard was taken below by constables a few minutes after sentence. diseases caused sharp cuts in the aver- away later. Ocean Smith went out Jones and Clarence Smith were taken

Before any sentence was pronounced in any case there was a strenuous efment of 8,571 pupils, there were only fort made by counsel to have Judge an average attendance of 7,816, or about Coatsworth again postpone sentence The application was made by A. C. The biggest decrease for the month McMaster, counsel for Clarence Smith, was in the kindergartens, where a de- supported by R. S. Robertson, K. C., cline of 23 over a year ago. For all the counsel for Barnard. It was refused. grades from one to eight there was a R. H. Greer, K. C., counsel for Jones, decrease of 15, while the auxiliary said his client was at the end of his classes reveal an increase of 12. This financial resources and could not appeal

10.30 every available seat was taken. Many of the schools were affected gy A huge crowd gathered in the lobbies the outbreak of mumps which cut down eagerly awaiting the first news of the the attendance figures in drastic fash- sentences. When the judge entered ion. Measles, scarlet fever and chicken court, in front of the rail was filled with pox have each been more or less prevalent and have necessitated a large the dramatic except the intense silence number staying home from school for when the judge was about to pronounce sentence in each case. There was a The enrollment of the schools is condecided hush when Barnard read siderably above a year ago. In the or-Approval has been received for the dinary graded classes there are now to the usual question: "Have you any-

In his statement Barnard protested against the interpretation his lordship had drawn from his actions as director of the bank and contended that his side of the story would reveal that he had put forth every effort to do his duty to the bank and its shareholders.

A delegation of prominent men from Montreal, including John W. Ross, W. M. Birks, General Dodds and Mr. Goo man, appeared to speak on behalf of Clarence Smith. Messrs. Ross and Birks were the spokesmen and told of the splendid service Smith had done uring the war and his general good reputation as a citizen of Montreal. Immediately after the court opened Mr. McMaster made his formal application for a postponement of sentence. He pointed out that it had already been MONTREAL, Dec. 1. - One man, postponed three times and he cold see WONTREAL, Dec. 1. — One man no reason against a further postpone-

was called practically all the fire-fightthat there was a still in operation on States rai'way labor board on Satur
the farm of Ren Blackstock led to are and Middle Western States and low over the northwestern portion of the custody. The men who informed the dred men were working in the building be required in the higher court.

Wealth a Curse Or Blessing, Depending On Who Has It, Is Philosophy of Rockefeller

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Without having One of World's Richest Men Tells tion of all past civilizations, so get Views To Bible Class.

Special To London Free Press.

"Materialism has caused the destruc- been arrested for speeding.

closer to God. "An automobile driven by a reckless citizen is a menace, but an automobile driven by a careful citizen is a bene-

of Abbey Rockefeller, who has twice

"Religion is a necessity to the human in the world, Rockefeller is the father

epower and in the summer months users of electricity will pay in their St. Johns, Nfld. it has gone as low as 14,000. Through-out the whole of this month, however. creased expenditure.

ovincial commission.

lay, the 21st, and since the city pays the 21st.

Cost To City.