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ONTARIO GIVES 36,924 MAJORITY FOR O. T. A.

URBAN VOTE STRONGLY "WET" THE RURAL VOTE WENT "DRY"

Premier Ferguson Will Not Say Whether the Government, in Handling Liquor Problem, Will Make Any Discrimination Between Country and City Upon the Lines the Vote Has Taken.

Toronto, Oct. 24.—With about fifteen per cent. of the rural polling booths still to be heard from and with about 1,000,000 ballots cast, the Ontario Temperance Act late this morning had secured a majority of 36,924 in yesterday's plebiscite. Such result was the final form of the vote which, in early returns, according as high as 80,000 majority for government control, but which constantly dwindled from this peak to a goodly win for the existing legislation.

The early lead for government control was furnished largely by urban returns, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and Windsor giving large anti-O.T.A. votes and other cities also assisting substantially the Moderation League's cause.

Rural balloting, however, took a directly contrary course, and the heavy government control leadership was overcome by returns which were received early in the morning.

Complete returns will not be known until this evening at the earliest, but sections still to be heard from are rural and will likely give O.T.A. majorities.

PREMIER FERGUSON REFUSES TO COMMENT.

Upon this result, Premier Ferguson, at the instance of whose government the plebiscite was taken, refused to comment last evening.

The prime minister stated that he would want to see the complete returns before venturing any pronouncement, and that the vote in its various aspects would have to be subject of discussion and consideration by the government.

The notable cleavage of rural and urban opinion upon the issue was pointed out to him but he would not state whether or not the government in handling the liquor problem would make any discrimination between the country and city upon the lines which the vote had taken. The vote in its broad lines was a contest between the ruralites and the urbanite.

Speaking generally, the O.T.A. found its greatest support in the country districts, while government control, without a single exception, gained in the cities over the showing which it made in 1919. In the vote of that year the cities of Ontario actually returned a majority of 18,408 for prohibition. Yesterday, however, the cities voted overwhelmingly the other way and embraced the government control plan by a majority totalling 97,705. The turn-over thus recorded in the cities was noteworthy. Ottawa was outstanding in this regard, a dry majority of 486 there being changed to a wet majority of 10,359. London also swung into the wet column, a dry majority of 4,989 being changed to wet one of 476. Guelph followed suit, going wet by 18 where it had gone dry by 4,989. Chatham changed a dry majority of 2,982 into a wet one of 990. St. Catharines likewise switched a dry majority of 512 into a wet one of 431. Galt, which had previously gone dry by 572, went wet by 580. Niagara Falls, where the dry majority had been 831, went wet by 1,416. Sarnia, previously dry by 1,082, went wet by 553. Stratford and Welland also left the dry cause to espouse government control. Other cities in the province were unchanged in their allegiance, but in every case their majority for the temperance act suffered a slump.

HOW CITIES VOTED.	
For Government Control.	
Chatham	657
Fort William	3,347
Galt	580
Guelph	48
Hamilton	13,768
Kingston	1,424
Kitchener	3,148
Niagara Falls	476
Ottawa	10,359
Port Arthur	2,074
St. Catharines	4,311
Sault Ste. Marie	1,385
Sarnia	553
Stratford	720
Toronto	49,427
Welland	1,395
Windsor	9,434
For O.T.A.	
Bellefleur	479
Brantford	523
Owen Sound	2,038
Peterboro	569
St. Thomas	260
Woodstock	14

BELLEVILLE RECTOR STOPPED PARADE

Archdeacon Beamish Demanded Authority of Children Boosting the O.T.A.

Bellefleur, Oct. 24.—Several hundred school children parading the streets of this city in support of the Ontario Temperance Act after school on Wednesday afternoon were stopped on the street by the Ven. Archdeacon Beamish, rector of St. Thomas' Anglican Church.

"What authority have you to parade?" asked the divine. The children halted momentarily, but as their stopping obstructed traffic at one of the busiest corners of the city, Principal P. C. MacLaurin, of the High School, who led the parade, ordered the children to move on.

Archdeacon Beamish was successful in drawing teachers from the parade, whom he engaged in conversation until the children returned to the scene after the dismissal. The

Four Montreal Murderers Hanged in Bordeaux Jail

Went to Their Death in Pairs--The Sentences of Two Others Were Commuted By the Dominion Cabinet.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—Louis Morel, ex-Montreal detective, Arsenio Di Vincenzo, alias "Tony Frank," Giuseppe Serafini and Frank Gambino, four of the six men found guilty of the murder of Henri Cleroux, chauffeur of the Bank of Hochelaga collection car on April 1st last, paid the penalty for their crime a few minutes before five o'clock this morning when they were hanged at Bordeaux jail here. They went to their death in pairs, Morel and Gambino being executed simultaneously on one scaffold, Serafini and Frank on the other.

It was eight minutes to five when the doors leading to the scaffold were thrown open and Morel and Gambino walked on to the gallows. In a few seconds their bodies dropped through the scaffold. The second pair of executions was carried out with the same celerity in the yard on the opposite side of the jail. Louis Morel wrote two letters last night, one to his daughter and an appeal to his Creator.

All through the night a sad vigil was maintained outside the gates of the jail, the wife and mother of Tony Frank sitting in cars stationed at the entrance. Earlier in the evening, Mrs. Gambino had paid her last visit to her husband, in company with Mrs. Valentino, whose husband had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

Sentences Commuted

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Two of the Montreal bank bandits escaped the scaffold. At an emergency meeting of cabinet yesterday afternoon, the sentences of death passed on the

Prohibitionists Are Determined To Have the O.T.A. Enforced

Leading Members Say They Will Hold Premier Ferguson to His Promise--Statement By Chairman, Rev. T. J. S. Ferguson

The prohibition forces, although rather disappointed that the Moderation League got such a large majority in Kingston, were delighted with the result in the province as a whole. Several prominent workers, when speaking to the Whig, stated that they did not figure that they would win here on Thursday, but had hoped to reduce the previous majority.

The prohibition forces point out that Premier Ferguson assured the people that if the O.T.A. was carried on Thursday, he would enforce the act as it had not been done in the past, and they are determined to see that the premier carries out his promise.

LENNOX MAJORITY 2,955 FOR THE O.T.A.

Town of Napanee and the Townships All Voted Strongly "Dry."

Napanee, Oct. 24.—The County of Lennox gave a majority of 2,955 for the Ontario Temperance Act. The town of Napanee voted over two to one "dry." The vote was:

O.T.A. Control	Govt.
Amherst Island	154
Adolphustown	185
Bath	198
Ernestown	1126
N. Fredericksburg	549
S. Fredericksburg	265
Richmond	500
Napanee	1028
Totals	4198
Majority for O.T.A.	2,955.

THE "DRY" MAJORITY STEADILY MOUNTING

The Prohibition Leaders At Toronto Claim That It Will Eventually Reach 75,000--Claim 55,000 Majority Now.

Toronto, Oct. 24.—Ontario's majority for prohibition climbed slowly this morning, increasing a thousand at a time with each revision of 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 the continuance of present legislation stands at 36,924 with 1,146 polls to hear from.

DELAY THROUGH MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

There has been delay in some ridings owing to misunderstandings over the method of reporting the 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 county polls unreported, but the majority are small and the final result of the plebiscite will not be greatly affected by their quota of votes.

EXPECT 75,000 MAJORITY.

A majority of 55,000 for the Ontario Temperance Act on returns already tabulated is claimed by officials at the prohibition headquarters here at noon to-day. Dry leaders confidently expect that the majority will reach 75,000 when the returns are complete.

For Government Control.	
Bruce south	80
Essex north	6,328
Fort William	3,827
Hamilton east	3,246
Hamilton west	4,462
Kent west	220
Ottawa east	8,625
Ottawa west	1,833
Port Arthur	2,781
St. Catharines	4,513
Stormont	1,457
Sturgeon Falls	1,739
Toronto northeast	2,992
Toronto N.W.	4,485
Toronto S.E.	11,531
Toronto S.W.	14,688
Parkdale	2,443
Riverdale	2,824
Waterloo N.	5,479
Waterloo S.	392
Wentworth S.	839
Windsor	12,611
York East	2,407

For O.T.A.	
Brant south	183
Brockville	855
Bruce North	3,698
Bruce West	3,227
Carleton	1,321
Dufferin	4,835
Durham West	4,056
Elgin East	4,117
Elgin West	3,581
Greenville	2,982
Grey North	4,790
Huron Centre	3,469
Huron North	4,747
Huron South	3,791
Kent East	3,917
Lennox	2,400
Leeds	1,939
Middlesex N.	2,955
Middlesex W.	3,481
Niagara Falls	3,580
Norfolk N.	1,790
Norfolk South	1,853
Northumberland E.	3,968
Northumberland W.	2,781
Ontario North	3,116
Ontario South	5,224
Peel	4,022
Prince Edward	5,916
Simcoe Centre	2,054
Simcoe East	3,211
Simcoe West	3,722
Victoria N.	2,599
Wellington E.	4,283
Wellington S.	1,533
Wellington W.	3,221
Wentworth N.	1,507
York North	5,707
York West	4,226

Premier to See That the O.T.A. Is Carried Out

Toronto, Oct. 24.—Premier G. Howard Ferguson, in a statement issued this afternoon, declared in effect that the Ontario Temperance Act would be rigidly enforced in view of the returns from the plebiscite taken yesterday to determine the public sentiment on the prohibition legislation. The premier gave this statement after a protracted meeting of the Ontario cabinet, which lasted from 11:45 a.m. until 2 p.m.

He declared that as he had intimated in his pre-plebiscite speeches, he would enforce the O.T.A. to the fullest extent. He added that there would be more difficulty in enforcing the act in view of the increase in "wet" sentiment.

Moderation League Looks For Some Concession to the Cities

Cannot See How the O.T.A. Can Be Enforced in Places That Are Overwhelmingly Opposed to Dry Legislation.

The headquarters of the Moderation League was still a busy place Friday morning. There was a very slight note of disappointment at the result of the vote in the aggregate but all the leaders of the so-called "wets" stated that they were confident of some action to deal separately with the cities and the rural districts.

ORDER IS RESTORED IN CITY OF PEKIN

Pekin, Oct. 24.—Communication with points outside this city were being restored to-day and the city is quiet. The government is being carried on by Feng Yu Hsiang "Christian general," who returned from the front and seized Pekin yesterday, has asked President Tsoo Kun to order the cessation of hostilities. It is reported Tsoo Kun may be replaced by former Premier Tuan Chi Jul.