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Reports on all the Ridings
to December 1st, 1912.

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MUSKOKA, August 26th, 1912

Organizer W.F. Summerhayes reports: " At Bracebridge I saw Secretary J.H. Thomson (Manager of Kinsey's Hardware Store) and ex Mayor B. Hutchinson, and the Clerk of the Peace. Last Candidate G.H.O. Thomas was in Toronto and president Harry Linney was at the Lakes. At Gravenhurst I saw Alfred Snider who has been talked of as candidate and George Clipsham, Carriage Manufacturer, Mr. Claremont (Roman Catholic) Dr. Grant, R.K. John (Conveyancer) John Gfoves (Store Keeper) and T.M. Robinson. I also tried to see Mr. Mickle, (Mill Owner) and Mr. Davidson. At Huntsville I saw ex President Dr. J.E. Shearer (Dentist) and ex Secretary J.E. Fisher (Storekeeper). Nothing was done on the Bracebridge lists and the time has expired. Mr. John, an elderly man, a resident for over forty years is attending to the Gravenhurst lists. He always does this. Mr. J.E. Fisher who is the chairman of the Huntsville Town Association will attend to the Town list when it is posted. Mr. G.H.O. Thomas is talked of as likely candidate. Walter D. Beardmore of Toronto (having large business interests in Bracebridge) would be a strong Dominion candidate if he were willing. There is no local out-standing figure, and an out-side candidate should live for at least a part of the year in the riding. The Riding is largely Orange but the situation is not hopeless if properly worked. The present Conservative M.P. William Wright, was formerly a blacksmith and latterly a seller of Agricultural implements, and is not considered a strong candidate, but he nurses the Riding. There is no Liberal Lawyer in the three Towns. There is just now a fine opening. Judge Mahaffy died a few weeks ago. His son George Mahaffy M.P.P. will not have the same chance with the New Judge (who is not yet appointed), and Mr. Mahaffy has made a lot of money in out-side real estate transactions and does not now attend so closely to business. There is a chance for a smart young, ambitious lawyer He could at once drop into a fair division court and general practice. He should attend to the Voters list every year in every part of the Riding, and thus get well acquainted and as no other local man is in sight he would have a fair prospect of being a Liberal M.P. in five or six or seven years. He will have to be a "mixer and a joiner" There is a chance of a life time for the right kind of man. There are seven or eight unorganized Municipalities in Muskoka.

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Organizer W.F. Summerhayes reports at this time that he finds W. Hanna of Port Carling as a desirable candidate for the Provincial and efforts are being made to induce him to run.

Regarding the Dominion, G.H.O. Thomas, was the last candidate but is not disposed to run again. It requires a very strong candidate to cope with the adverse conditions. There is a large norlam Conservative majority in an Orange Riding.

The Secretary of the Riding Association reports, as follows:-

Bracebridge, Nov. 26th, 1912.

" In reply to your letter of November 11th Re revision of voters lists in the Riding. I would say that so far as I know there was not anything at all done in the