

Dixon expects big turnout

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fare bums" is a "phony issue." He states that the Maritimes need industries and the only way to get them to locate here seems to be with DREE grants. He cites the case of the fashion plant which opened up recently in Ormococto with a \$1.5 million DREE grant as one example of an industry which would not have located here otherwise.

He stated emphatically that the St. John River should be cleaned up immediately and commented that G.W.N. Cockburn, PC provincial Minister of the Environment, hasn't done anything yet to clean it up. He applauded the damming up of the Presque River to protest pollution as "well done."

Dixon supported the idea of development of the tourist in-

dustry in New Brunswick as it distributes money to the "grass roots of the province and can go hand in hand with protecting the environment."

Ray Dixon is thirty-four and the father of two very active children. A lawyer in Fredericton since 1965, he comments that "very few lawyers in New Brunswick are apolitical." Legislation often affects both a lawyer and his clients, and "your views sort you out quickly." Since to be an effective member of parliament requires a good deal of energy, it is becoming more and more a young man's game. "As an M.P. he stated that he is prepared to "fight for equalization payments and whatever the consensus of the other members from the Atlantic Region is."

Howie raps unemployment

Is unemployment an important issue in the upcoming Federal election in York-Sunbury? (according to Bob Howie, Progressive Conservative candidate for York-Sunbury, "it is to the people that are unemployed.")

Howie blamed Canada's high unemployment rate on the "Trudeau economic mismanagement." He stated that the government "should not have inflicted archaic economic policies to control in-

flation. This had led to unemployment."

"A first priority of the Stanfield government is an expanding economy to create meaningful job opportunities and raise our standard of living."

Howie also stated that "among other things this will present challenges to meet the highly trained capabilities of our young people both now and when they graduate."

An important issue in the Mari-

times is that of transportation. Howie feels that "transportation agencies should be used as development tools as they were in the development of western Canada." Growing freight rates are working against the Maritimes, according to Howie, and all agencies concerned should be working together. For example, the Transport Commission should be working along with DREE, which according to Howie, is not happening now.

On the NDP campaign issue of "corporate bums," he commented that "it is unfortunate that Lewis didn't raise the question in parliament." Howie feels that the issue should be faced straight on, and if corporate citizens are getting "special" benefits, then investigations should be launched.

Howie stated that he is "not against foreign investment" under controlled conditions. PC party policy is that the federal government, in co-operation with the provinces, should examine busi-

ness and other sectors of the economy and define which should be under Canadian ownership or part foreign ownership. Also, Canadians should be involved in the control of all foreign owned cor-



Bob Howie-PC

porations in Canada.

On pollution, Howie feels that pollution-fighting powers should be transferred to the federal government "since they have the money" in order to "ensure that the provinces and municipalities can play an active part against pollution. Grants, tax incentives, and low interest loans should be

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used to help businesses cut down on their pollution," said Mr. Howie, "as well as tariff cuts on anti-pollution equipment, most of which comes from the U.S."

When asked if housing was an issue in York-Sunbury Howie commented on the number of sub-standard houses that he had seen while campaigning. He felt that the 11 percent building materials tax should be lowered or eliminated and that money should be given to the provinces and municipalities to establish land banks in order to cut down on the price of building lots. In Fredericton, for instance you can pay over \$10,000 for a building lot. Mr. Howie also disagreed with the high cost of mortgages which he describes as "an ill-fated attempt to fight inflation."

He has a background as president of such public organizations as Kinsmen, YM-YWCA, Home and School Association, and Jaycees. A graduate of UNB law school, Howie is presently a Fredericton lawyer and Clerk of the Legislature.

View of national voting trend

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to reduce taxes. The Conservatives will also be aided by the Blue Machine which swept to power provincially under William Davis who subsequently promised to personally assist the federal Conservatives. The NDP has some support in urban areas of the province where its stand on the foreign ownership question has considerable appeal. Ontario seems to be the most fluid of the electoral regions and as such could decide the status of the political parties in the next Parliament. For the Liberals, a loss of 15 seats from their present sixty-four would be tantamount to minority government or even defeat.

The Prairies have generally been considered to be Conservative territory up until now, with John Diefenbaker acting as the chief

spokesman. In 1968 Trudeau helped Liberal candidates to victory in some urban areas while the outlying regions chose between the NDP and the PC's. This province seems to be the most stable with the Liberals having the chance to gain a couple of seats at the expense of the Conservatives.

Saskatchewan witnessed numerous three-way electoral battles in 1968 and therefore, the situation is very fluid. Although the farmers have been favourably impressed with the substantial grain sales of Canada has negotiated with other nations, Liberals have long, hard contests against the New Democrats and the Tories if they want to add more seats to the one that was won by Otto Lang, Minister of Justice, in 1968.

It would seem that Alberta offers the most significant returns

for the Liberals as a result of the retirement of five Conservatives. However, the province has, in recent elections, voted Conservative, and unless there is an appreciable swing in favour of the Liberals, Alberta is likely to support the Conservatives again.

In 1968 the Liberals had already achieved victory when returns came in from British Columbia, which served to add icing to the cake quite nicely to the Liberals' way of thinking. This year could be decidedly different. If the Grits lose seats in Quebec and Ontario, then they will need every vote which B.C. has to offer. Unfortunately for the Liberals, the B.C. provincial election this past summer gave the NDP its mandate to form the new government, a situation which has ominous implications.

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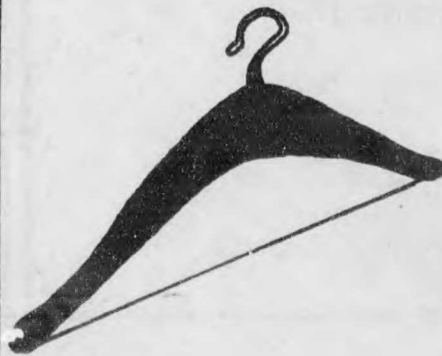
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