

Manitoulin (Provincial) Continued

The difficulty I experience with the New Guard is that they all appear to want to be candidates and have you fellows foot the bill.

It appears to me now that the First Vice-president Mr. R. Hay, Little Current, is delaying the convention until the roads are bad and then call the convention at that point and have the committee also of that place nominated. I have suggested to keep the nomination in the back ground and get the Party organized.

The only man in my opinion that can ever hope to carry this Riding against Gamey is, A.G. Murray, Barrister, ex Crown Attorney, Gore Bay and that after a thorough organization. You fellows have been good to us financially, but you have waster too much money up here now. Help from you we must have because we are poor and worst of all the Liberals who have had the fat jobs have not evidently contributed and are looking for more.

The ambitious fellows as I see them are, The Sims brothers, Dr. Carruthers, Little Current, Messrs. Hurst and Titus, Gore Bay, A.J. Wagg, Manitowaning, Robert Tilson Tehkummah. But in my opinion A.G. Murray, Gore Bay is the man and that only with a most thorough organization.

The opposition has had the patronage and that is what goes here. They are all after the coin.

A.E. Dymont, knows this country as no one else does and he is all O.K.

I have been thinking seriously about writing you on this score before.

Howard Smith, Secretary-treasurer,
District of Manitoulin Association."

MIDDLESEX EAST, August 7th, 1912.

Organizer W.H. Adams reports that he conferred with Jared Vining, Secretary East Middlesex Reform Association. Vining stated that soon an executive meeting will be held to discuss arrangements about the pending Provincial bye-election. The seat is vacant through the death of Robert Sutherland M.P.P. Arrangements also will be completed then to attend to the lists. Vining has for some years supervised the revision of East Middlesex lists. He is a lawyer. The lists are not yet posted.

AUGUST 16th

Organizer Adams visited London and conferred with Secretary Vining and with Dr. G.A. Routledge of Lambeth by phone. Promised steps not yet taken. Urgency of having executive meeting made quite plain to these gentlemen. They promised to call one next week.

AUGUST 23rd

Organizer Adams conferred with Secretary Vining and others. Nothing yet done here. Executive meeting will be held August 24th, when some definite steps will be taken.

AUGUST 24th

East Middlesex Reform Association meeting in London to-day. The question of a candidate to succeed late Robert Sutherland in the Local House was taken up. W.H. O'Dell of Belmont is talked of as a probable candidate. This is a strongly temperance Riding. All under local option except London Township which has 10, licensed Hotels. There appears to be a normal Conservative majority of say 500

At the Provincial bye-election held October 28th, 1912 Geo. W. Neely Conservative, won the seat by about 550 over