

13. Reports on all the Ridings  
to December 1st, 1912.  
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GLENGARRY July 26th, 1912.

Organizer Summerhayes met in Alexandria, President F.T. Costello, Secretary Dr. J. T. Hope, J.A. McMillan M.P., and Hugh Munro M.P.P. None of their lists are yet posted and some of them are issued very late in the year. Arrangements were made for a thorough revision. Forms to be sent to Dr. Hope. Forms sent on July 27th. John A. McMillan M.P. is regarded the standing candidate

GRENVILLE July 1st, 1912.

Organizer W.F. Summerhayes at Cardinal reports meeting for organization and election of officers. 55 persons present. Appointed Committees to revise the voters lists. This part of Grenville Riding is in excellent shape. W.F. Summerhayes also visited Prescott and Kemptville and Spencerville re voters lists. This Riding will require a good deal of attention. The situation is chaotic and could hardly be worse. There is no riding president, and there has been no annual meeting since 1909. Up till that time, say for three years, Dr. W.C. Brown had been president, and he was then appointed as Postmaster at Prescott. He had taken office 1907. At that time Mr. Albert Whitney (Brother of the Premier) had been president, but a dead set was made at him, mainly by Mr. S.J. Martin of Kemptville who practically packed the meeting, and Mr. Whitney was beaten by four votes. The rivalries and troubles which arose on that occasion had never been smoothed over. At the present time the Secretary is Dr. C.F. McPherson who is Coroner and Medical Health Officer. The Vice-president is Mr. S.J. Martin who is in practical control of the situation. It is not in the interest of the Party that this state of affairs should continue to exist. Our voters will not go to the poll on existing conditions, and it will be work thrown away to revise the lists if the men will not vote. In my opinion a meeting of the Riding Association should immediately be held and should be properly worked up in advance so as to insure a good and representative attendance. Prescott is the right place for an annual meeting. Both because of the bulk of the Liberal voters are in the South end and for convenient Railway arrangements. If the matter is left to Mr. Martin he will probably direct the meeting to be held (if he calls one at all) at Spencerville. This place cannot be conveniently reached and the hotel accommodation is very poor. I am in communication with the individual members of the Executive (there is a member for each Municipality) and I think a meeting can be held in about a fortnight. At present there is no one out-standing for president, but a well attended meeting will in my opinion solve the matter and probably select a man not particularly identified with either of the two factions. Mr. McAdams manager of the Brewery is anxious to work, and will take earnest steps to organize the town of Prescott. We have been steadily falling off in votes there, but if we settle our internal troubles and get the right candidate. Prescott ought to give us two hundred majority. Dr. McPherson is anxious to resign the Riding Secretaryship and he suggests Mr. J.E. Dubrule Jr., as his successor. He seems a likely man for the position, but he has a business partnership with the sitting Conservative member.

There is a considerable feeling in Roman Catholic circles against Hon. Dr. Reid, M.P. In the past a considerable percentage of the Roman Catholics have voted Conservative