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ADDINGTON (See Lennox)

ALGOMA EAST, August 15th, 1912

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Organizer Walkinshaw reports that he visited Blind River, and conferred with George J. McArthur, Secretary of the Association, and J.L. Regan ex Dominion Candidate, regarding the revision of the lists. AUGUST 17th Organizer Walkinshaw reports that he visited Manitoulin Island, Gore Bay, and met Ross Hearst, (William Hearst's brother). Also C.A. Rickaby a Liberal (who is employed on the Conservative paper at Gore Bay). The lists for the township of Carmarvoran, Billings, Gordon and Cockburn Island and the town of Gore Bay, are posted. I am trying to arrange for the correcting of these lists. Also visited Little Current. AUGUST 20th Organizer D.H. Walkinshaw reports that he visited Manitoulin Island. Conferred with Thomas C. Sims, President of East Algoma Association. He is Captain of Mail Steamer from Cutler to Little Current. Also with President R. Hay (Provincial President) of Manitoulin Association. Hay promised to attend to the lists around Little Current. He is enthusiastic worker. Ross Hearst of Gore Bay promised to attend to Gore Bay and the surrounding Townships. President R. Hay intends to call a meeting after the Toronto Exhibition closes for the purposes of local organization. Political conditions in Manitoulin appears to be improving for the Liberal party, and there is dissatisfaction expressed with Smythe and Gamey. The Liberal office holders have been discharged, which will give the Liberal party more workers. Temperance is a strong factor here, and in October they will vote on " Canada Temperance Act" and hotelkeepers seem to fear it will carry. I also met Dr. John Carruthers of Little Current and others. The mainland is receiving attention. George J. McArthur, Blind River, Secretary of the Association is looking after the lists. Majority of the divisions in his district are unorganized. SEPTEMBER 9th Secretary J. McArthur reports " Your organizer D.H. Walkinshaw was here for a few hours about a month ago, and interviewed several of us. We are looking after the lists as usual so that they will be as favorable as possible at the next election. I think a good meeting could be held by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Blind River as there are a great many French people in this district. If not held here it should be held at Sault Ste Marie". NOVEMBER, 1912 J.L. Regan of Blind River was the last Dominion candidate. He appears to be the only man in sight at present as probable candidate again. (See also Manitoulin)

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Organizer D.H. Walkinshaw reports from the " Soo" that he devoted several days to arrangements regarding the revision for West Algoma. He mentions that there is a large Labor vote in the " Soo" to be taken care off. Arrangements made for meeting of Liberal workers for 15th August. AUGUST 17th Organizer Walkinshaw writes from Sault Ste Marie " On Monday evening August 19th we will have a meeting of Liberal workers in Steelton. The " Soo" association are inviting the representatives from the different counties in connection with their Voters Lists. It is proposed to hold