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

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Elgin West (Continued)

The prospects do not afford encouragement and a very strong candidate is required to meet adverse conditions. St. Thomas City with a large Conservative majority dominates the situation.

ESSEX NORTH August 13th, 1912

Organizer W.H. Adams reports as follows " I conferred with President Montreuil At Walle rville. Secretary Davis at Windsor, Dr.P.A.Dewar Late Dominion candidate, S.Ducharme late Provincial candidate, W.C.Kennedy and A.F. Healey, both of Windsor who were aspirants for the last Dominion nomination. Lists posted are Sandwich Townships, East and West, and West Rochester Tpwntship. Belle River Village, and Sandwich Town. Judge McHugh heard the appeals in Belle River to-day. Nine names were added, eight Grits and one Tory, according to Mr.Ducharme who is clerk of other lists posted. I am assured that Sandwich Township East and West Rochester Townships will be well looked after. Also Sandwich Town. I found it very difficult to make much headway in arranging ways and means at first to have balance of lists looked after. You will be aware of the condition of affairs there at the time of the last North Essex Dominion convention. Very little change has occurred since then in these conditions. Kennedy and Healey both want the next convention and both have a strong following, the former in Windsor and the latter in the Country. Dr.Dewar told me he would not accept another nomination, unless it came in about three or four years time. Last campaign made big inroads in his practice which he is now endeavouring to retrieve. From carefully inquiry and observation my candidopinion is that an English speaking Catholic would win North Essex and W.C.Kennedy looks like a winner to me. He is successful business man and wealthy and will spend his money if nominated. He is a fair speaker and a winning personality, and is brim full of the right ideas of organization. A French candidate is out of the question owing to time honoured custom of selecting an English speaking man for the Dominion and a French speaking man for the Provincial. Kennedy besides is known as a fairminded man free from bigotry. His wife is a Protestant and he stood aside for a Protestant last convention which act is fully known and appreciated by the Protestant Grits . In an effort to help things along incidentally, but principally to arrange for ways and means to revise the lists properly, I have succeeded in having all the interested parties meet together next Tuesday night 20th instant, in Windsor when I will be present. It is likely Mr.Ducharme, will be put on the work of revision and the necessary funds provided.

AUGUST 21st

Organizer Adams reports " Have spent several days in this Riding. We have made good arrangements for revision. We had a good meeting of Liberal Workers on Tuesday Night August 20th, in Windsor. Amongst others present were W.C.Kennedy, Dr.P.A.Dewar, W.J.McKee, Secretary F.D.Davis S.Ducharme and A.F.Healey. Healey announced that he would not try for the next convention. This clears the way considerably and paves the way for an early selection of a candidate. The party seems to be uniting, S.Ducharme