

Political straws are beginning to blow and shift in the prevailing winds, i.e., in Victoria-Haliburton and Ontario North. With the Conservative nomination convention slated for August 7th, these political straws are blowing in the north and south and in the west.

Names in the offing include James McQuarrie of Lindsay, Roy Windover of Minden, Bill Scott of Kinmount, A. E. (Bert) Hick of Lindsay and Mayor Joseph Holtom of Lindsay. Mentioned is also Bill Shields of Coboconk and Larry Hartmeir of Beaverton has announced his intention of standing.

Will the powers that be in the P.C. party go for the idea of having a candidate from the north when Glen Hodgson of Haliburton is the sitting member in the provincial house?

Windover has the distinction of being one of the top officials of the Young Progressive Conservative organization for several years and is also the sitting President of the P.C. party in the Victoria and Haliburton riding association. Bill Scott is in a different channel. He is a native of Kinmount and Kinmount is in Victoria County and approximately in the middle of the riding.

The last time Kinmount and district was served with a resident member of Parliament was the time of the late James Mark.

Bill Shields operates a hardware business in Coboconk and Bobcaygeon, both in Victoria County. Bert Hick and Joe Holtom are both residents of Lindsay. Larry Hartmeir of Beaverton is located in Ontario north and both Conservatives and Liberals claim that there are enough voters in Brock, Rama and Thorah to swing an election. Many eyes will be focused on the forthcoming convention.

Fred Stenson, MP, for Peterboro and Dr. Dymond of Orillia, member in Simcoe representing the PC's feel that Premier Pearson will call for bye-elections to fill the four or five vacancies including the one in Victoria riding.