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## Cec Fielding

PC - Nickel Belt

The candidate whose family ties go deepest in Nickel Belt riding is Cec Fielding, seeking the seat for the Progressive Conservative party.

Fielding's father, George Parker Fielding, settled on the family farm in Waters township in 1886.

"I got started in politics in 1942 with Welland Gemmell and I worked on behalf of the Conservative party from then on," said Fielding, referring to his first interest in politics. Gemmell represented Sudbury in the provincial legislature until his untimely death.

"The best way I can say why I am a Conservative is this: The Liberals say they think something is good for the people and say, 'Here it is.'

"The Conservatives say something is good, but say there are a lot of things that have to be looked into first. Such as where we are going to find the money.

"The NDP will offer anything because they don't have to deliver."

Fielding, at 50, upset the present trend toward the youth movement when he captured the Progressive Conservative nomination over two younger opponents by a solid margin in his first bid to enter the federal field. In 1967, he made an unsuccessful bid to gain a provincial seat for Sudbury East, which contains part of the Nickel Belt riding.

Fielding has a good background in the political field. Born on the Waters township farm, one of a family of 10, he saw his father spend nearly 20 years as a township councillor, later becoming reeve. His brother, Garnet, was a former reeve of Neelon-Garson.

In addition to helping organize and run the successful campaigns of the late Welland S. Gemmell, he worked on behalf of P. J. McAndrew, Sen. Rheal Belisle when he was an MPP, and Gaston Demers, current Nickel Belt MPP.

His work with the Indian people earned him acclaim in the Gordon Economic Report on Canadian Affairs, and he became the first white man to be honored by the Ojibways of the Naughton Reserve when he was "adopted" into the tribe and given the name Kinatigo — Tall Timber.

Fielding received his schooling in Copper Cliff and later graduated with honors from the Sudbury Mining and Technical School.

Returning from service with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps during the Second World War, he managed a ski factory. Five years later, he owned his own lumber company in Copper Cliff. He is also president of two other firms, Miners' Woods Specialty Co. and Caesar Construction, which handles heavy equipment such as bulldozers and large graders.

Before the war, he worked for eight years in Inco mines, and in 1942 was a master mechanic at the Eldorado Radium Refinery at Port Hope.

Fielding heads the Civic Action Association, a "watchdog" group of local citizens keeping an eye on municipal spending.

In 1938 and 1939 he won the Northern Ontario light and featherweight boxing championships.

Multi-lingual, he speaks English, French, Finnish and Ojibway. He is married to the former Elvi Lahti, of McKerrow. The couple have a son and a daughter.