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Bennett, Cleaver, Shane Seek Election in Halton

HALTON CANDIDATES QUALIFY AT MEETING IN MILTON

One of the smallest Federal nomination meetings ever held in Halton was that in Milton a week ago Monday when about one hundred people gathered in Milton Town Hall for this important occasion. Three candidates filed their certificates, each accompanied by a \$200 deposit which will be forfeited if a candidate does not obtain at least half the votes of the winning candidate.

Those seeking election in Halton riding are: Miss Sybil Bennett, K.C. of Georgetown, representing the Progressive-Conservative party; Hughes Cleaver, M.P. of Burlington, sitting Liberal member; and W. A. Shane of Oakville, representing the C.C.F. party.

Following the official nomination hour, P. W. Cooke of Milton, Halton returning officer was chosen chairman of the meeting and candidates were given fifteen minutes to speak to the audience, with the sitting member granted an extra five minutes for reply. Mr. Cleaver in his speech pointed to some of the improvements the county had enjoyed under the Liberals including new post office buildings at Oakville and Burlington and harbour improvements at Oakville and Bronte. Plans had been made also for better post offices at Glen Williams, Bronte and Campbellville but the importance of housing overshadowed these at present.

The Farm Marketing Act, which gives the government power to place a floor on any commodity needing it, is one of the best in the world for agriculture, he said. While the Liberal government does not like controls, he said that those which still remain on rentals, steel and foreign exchange were necessary to avoid a depression. While the government did not take all the credit for the building of 300,000 homes, it had provided assistance to the home builders and he hoped these facilities would be extended to those in the lower income groups. In Burlington a successful experiment has been made in providing homes for elderly people at monthly rentals of \$18 and \$21.

He strongly criticized Col. George Drew, Conservative party leader, for levelling the campaign plant charges on the eve of the election, when the government will have no time to investigate. No Conservative objections were noted, he said, in 1946-47 when the deal took place.

Miss Bennett criticized the Liberals for ruling by Orders-in-Council. Her party did not believe in removing necessary controls, she pointed out, but believed controls should be made from the floor of the house. She deplored the loss of bacon and food contracts to other countries and charged that of 82,000 houses erected last year only 18,000 were helped by the government. Under the present government, Canada has had the highest cost-of-living in its history, was her charge.

She said the social security program of her party was the finest in the world, and was particularly proud of the platform which would



LOUIS ST. LAURENT

Named Prime Minister when Rt. Hon. William L. Mackenzie King retired, Minister of Justice Louis St. Laurent will contest an election for the first time on Monday for the Liberal party. Mr. St. Laurent is the first leader from Quebec since Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

provide an income for all people over 65.

The CCF party, said Mr. Shane, in his speech, would take over the railroads which have come to a state of decay. He said the recent \$10 increase to old age pensioners was meaningless because their earning allowance was decreased at the same time by a similar amount.

He criticized the government for sale by War Assets of the Welland Chemical plant to a large American corporation which will manufacture commercial fertilizer here.



SYBIL BENNETT, K.C.

Sybil Bennett, K.C. who is a partner in the local law firm of Dale & Bennett, carries the Progressive-Conservative banner in the election. An able speaker, she has been president of the Peel County P.-C. Association, was formerly town solicitor for Brampton, and is a distant relative of the late R. B. Bennett, at one time Prime Minister of Canada.

WHERE YOU VOTE IN GEORGETOWN

Polling Division No. 1
Comprising the portion of the town lying north of Church Street and west of Main Street (this includes the Churchill Crescent housing subdivision).
Vote at Town Hall.

Polling Division No. 2
Comprising the portion of town lying north of No. 7 Highway, north of John Street and west of the creek.
Vote at Town Hall.

Polling Division No. 3
Comprising the portion of town south of Church Street and west of Main Street.
Vote at Library.

Polling Division No. 4
Comprising the portion of town lying east of Main Street and south of No. 7 Highway.
Vote at Library.

Polling Division No. 5
Comprising the portion of town lying east of the creek and north of the C.N.R. main line.
Vote at Fred Braisby home.

Polling Division No. 6
Comprising the portion of town lying south of the C.N.R. main line, east of the creek, south of that portion of John Street lying west of the creek and north of No. 7 Highway.
Vote at Isaac Hornby home.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Students who are attending school away from home can vote if they wish in their home municipality. Single teachers are also granted this right. No one, of course, can vote twice in one election.



HUGHES CLEAVER, M.P.

Hughes Cleaver, Burlington lawyer, has represented Halton in the House of Commons for many years and is again the Liberal contestant in next Monday's Federal election. Mr. Cleaver has taken an increasingly important part in government affairs during his fifteen years in the House. In the war years he was chairman of the War Expenditure committee and since then has served as chairman of the Banking and Finance Committee.



W. A. SHANE

A resident of the Lakeshore, W. A. Shane, the CCF candidate has been in the radio broadcasting industry, during the war was a technical man with Western Electric on radar and now has a fruit and vegetable farm in Halton. He served a 4 year term on the Bowmanville town council and is a native of Kingston district.



GEORGE DREW

Leading the Progressive Conservative party in next Monday's election is George Drew, former Ontario premier, who was chosen last year as national party leader and obtained a seat in the House in a by-election.

OVER TWO THOUSAND VOTERS IN GEORGETOWN

There are close to 2200 qualified voters in Georgetown eligible to vote in next Monday's election. The preliminary lists, prepared and printed some weeks ago, list 2132 names, divided as follows:

Division 1—298
Division 2—286
Division 3—289
Division 4—357
Division 5—398
Division 6—524

To this total several names have been added as official revisions which were omitted from the preliminary list. As Georgetown is classified as a rural division, a qualified voter whose name still does not appear on the list may vote if he first takes the prescribed oath and if he is vouched for by a duly qualified voter of this division. This ruling applies also to Esqueving Township.

Do People Vote for Party or for Man?

An analysis of past figures of the Halton vote in Provincial and Federal elections brings out some interesting comparisons. In June, 1945, the two elections were only a week apart, and showed that in Halton many people vote for a personality rather than being die-hards for one political party. In the Federal election, Hughes Cleaver, the sitting Liberal member, was returned to office with 6955, while Conservative Allan Nicholson was endorsed by 6287 voters. The CCF represented by Carlyle Browne polled a scant 1522.

The provincial elections saw a complete reversal when Stan Hall, sitting Conservative member had a resounding majority, polling 6914 votes to 5725 for Mrs. Mary Pettit, Liberal aspirant, who is now warden of the county. The CCF had an upswing and almost doubled their vote with 2806.

These results would certainly tend to show that Mr. Cleaver and Mr. Hall are popular as personalities and that many people in the county voted for both men. It is interesting, too, to note that the provincial vote was about 700 heavier in total, which would lead one to believe that people in Ontario are more concerned about their

provincial administration than they are about the federal government. Since 1945, one provincial election in Ontario, is the only factual basis for comparison and the above deductions make it relatively valueless. This time, contrary to the general picture in Ontario, when the Liberals were snuffed under the Halton candidate had only 1132 less votes than Stan Hall who again became the member. CCF candidate Cecil Millward, running for a second time, shared in the CCF upswing provincially and got 700 more votes than he did three years earlier.

The 1940 and 1945 federal vote totals are reproduced elsewhere in this issue and anyone interested can make their own comparisons. A quick study of the figures makes it appear that the CCF entry into the field had a sharp effect on the Liberal majority while the Conservatives stayed relatively constant. What the results will be next Monday is anybody's guess.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS

The Election Act specifies that an elector must vote in the municipality where he was resident at the time the election writs were issued. There are a few exceptions, notably a minister or schoolteacher who has accepted another position since that time, but most people are not granted this privilege.

HOW HALTON VOTED

	In 1940 Liberals (Cleaver)	Cons. (G. Atkins)	Liberals (Cleaver)	In 1945 Cons. (Nicholson)	CCF (Browne)
ACTON	603	469	589	446	86
BURLINGTON	1112	698	906	951	321
GEORGETOWN	655	613	643	599	101
MILTON	584	351	530	309	84
OAKVILLE	971	1229	898	1032	261
ESQUEVING	522	709	845	620	108
NASSAGAWEYA	222	-280	481	305	82
NELSON	1121	777	968	981	263
TRAFALGAR	1251	949	1095	954	216
SERVICE VOTE	44	109			
	7788	6184	6955	6287	1522

REMEMBER...

Next Monday, June 27 is voting day for the Federal Elections.

In Halton three candidates seek office, Hughes Cleaver M.P., present Liberal member for Halton; Miss Sybil Bennett, K.C., who represents the Progressive-Conservative Party; and W. A. Shane who is the CCF candidate.

Polling booths are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Daylight Saving Time.

In Georgetown there are six polling subdivisions. These vary from the municipal elections, in which the town is divided in four wards. Check to see where you vote.

Your franchise is the most valued possession in this world. Canada is one of the few countries in this world where the people can still freely elect their government. Realize this and vote.

Esqueving has nine polling divisions. Residents should check in advance to find out where they vote.

MAHER'S DOUBLE or NOTHING

YOUR FAVORITE RADIO QUIZ SHOW

Sponsored by Maher Shoe Stores

will be broadcast from the

Acton Park Pavilion

Monday, June 27th

at 8.00 p.m.

You'll meet in person such top radio games as Stu Kenney, outstanding Master of Ceremonies, Don Gordon, one of Canada's finest musicians at the keyboard, Art McGregor and Frank Deaville, internationally famous as the former comedy team of Woodhouse & Hawkins, who are jointly responsible for the smooth production of Double or Nothing.

Come Early and Get a Good Seat

Admission FREE

Election returns will be announced from the stage.

The contestant gets a dollar for the first correct answer and this is doubled until he gets up to \$16.00 or misses a question, in which case, he received a prize of \$1.00.

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Vote as you Like . . . But VOTE . . .