

Kempling wrests seat from Liberals

A Conservative steam-roller swept through Halton-Wentworth riding Monday and completely overwhelmed a faltering Liberal and a struggling NDP organization, to wrest the seat away from the Liberals.

Sitting atop that steam-roller was William J. "Bill" Kempling, a 53-year-old Dundas businessman who, through a forceful two-month campaign and a strong anti-government vote, emerged from the Monday election battle as Halton-Wentworth's Conservative MP-elect.

It was an effective and total victory. Unofficial figures from returning officer Gordon Goodrow's office show Kempling piled up 30,012 votes or 8,818 more than the 21,390 cast for Liberal standard-bearer Norm McGuinness and 10,593 for the NDP candidate Dickson Bailey. All three were first-time campaigners in the race.

Record vote
Voter turnout was 82.42 per cent, believed to be a record. Of the 76,327 eligible voters, 62,965 marked ballots. There were very few spoiled ballots.

Official results won't be released until Friday, Goodrow said.

Kempling invaded every Liberal stronghold in the riding, and won most of them, a rather disillusioned worker at Liberal headquarters admitted. The big blue Tory machine certainly made its presence felt in the north Burlington and entire Nassagaweya Township area — Kempling won each of the nine polls in the Burlington area north of Highway 5, and each of the eight polls in Nassagaweya Township.

Morison ousted
Halton Wentworth riding resulted from a redistribution of seats in 1968. The Dundas, East

and West Flamborough, Waterdown, and Aldershot areas of Wentworth were lumped with Burlington and Nassagaweya from the old Halton riding, to form Halton-Wentworth. John Morison, the Liberal member from Dundas, held the riding until last spring when his own party organization, obviously disillusioned with his efforts at Ottawa and on their behalf, dumped Morison and nominated Norm McGuinness to represent them in Election '72.

In the 1968 election Morison had narrowly defeated Conservative challenger Jim Swanborough of Burlington, 19,563 votes to 18,040. The NDP candidate at the time Ted McDonald had polled 9,312 votes and an independent Liberal Norm Braden caught just 399 votes. Morison had 41 per cent of the votes, Swanborough 38.

Organizers for both Liberal and PC parties were expecting another close race in Halton-Wentworth but the steam-roller victory for Kempling was a surprise to even many PC stalwarts. Swanborough, who served as Kempling's campaign manager, was whooping with joy Monday night when the results were posted in PC headquarters at Wellington Square Mall. MP-elect Kempling won about 90 per cent of the polls across the riding, Swanborough pointed out.

In silence
McGuinness' Liberal headquarters, the Pollak Hall on Fairview Ave. in Burlington, was a hive of activity when the polls closed at 7 p.m. Phones jangled, teenagers ran vote totals to the huge blackboards, red, white and blue streamers decorated the hall and a small crowd of about 50 stalwarts sat watching the totals go up on the board. The first poll was reported about 7:10 p.m. and it gave Kempling a small lead

over McGuinness, with Bailey trailing. The figures were greeted with silence.

By 7:15 p.m., with about four polls heard from, organizer Sam Woods signed and guessed it was "game over" for the Liberal hopeful. Five minutes later Woods, who was campaign organizer for Bob McNutt in the last provincial election, shook his head. "Four more for Kempling and that'll be it. What he has taken so far, it's all Liberal strongholds."

Woods' words rang true, by 7:35 p.m. Kempling had an 1,100-vote lead over McGuinness and only 37 of the riding's 318 polls had been heard from. Woods left to telephone McGuinness, who was eating supper at a Burlington restaurant, and tell him the bad news.

Sees defeat
Before 8 o'clock had rolled around, McGuinness was more than 3,000 votes behind the PC front-runner and Woods went to a microphone at the front of the room to announce what appeared to be a certain defeat for the Liberal candidate.

"The picture doesn't look too good, but we could still come through," Woods told the silent audience. "The bar is open now, let's have a drink and start a party anyway."

McGuinness arrived at his headquarters just after 8, thanked his workers, reviewed the results, and headed downtown to PC headquarters to offer his congratulations to the winner. The Liberal party-goers hung on, but the party was a subdued one.

By comparison there was cheering, shouting and smiling at Kempling's offices at Wellington Square Mall on Brant St. There were only about 50 people crowded into the small room at 8

p.m. but they smelled a victory and the crowd grew steadily. Halton West MPP and Justice Secretary George Kerr was assisting Swanborough in posting the results, phones were buzzing constantly and an air of excitement pervaded the smoke-filled ante-room. With 193 polls heard from, Kempling was leading McGuinness 18,000 to 13,000 and Bailey was still trailing with just under 6,000.

"Anti-government"
It was 8:15 p.m. when McGuinness went on a radio broadcast to concede to Kempling. He called it "a big disappointment" but noted it appeared to be an "anti-government trend" that was causing the upset. The brief broadcast prompted more cheers in the PC rooms.

Puffing on a cigar, Swanborough was calling out the latest returns in neighboring Halton riding, where Terry O'Connor was winning for the PCs over incumbent Rud Whiting. Glancing at the boards that lined the walls of the Kempling headquarters, he grinned broadly and told this newspaper "this is beyond my wildest dreams. I had figured we'd take 43 per cent, it looks more like 50 per cent of the vote." Final figures bore him out — Kempling took 49.14 per cent of all votes cast.

It was just before 8:30 p.m. when McGuinness arrived at Kempling's office to concede — but Kempling wasn't there yet. He was still celebrating in Dundas with co-workers.

PC workers cheered the defeated Liberal candidate on his arrival. Swanborough introduced him. "I wish I could be as jubilant as all of you," McGuinness said, still smiling. "It was a good campaign. I just hope Bill will represent the riding the way it deserves to be represented." Organizer Sam Woods and Halton-Wentworth Liberal Association president accompanied him.



(Photo by D. O'Reilly)

HALTON-WENTWORTH's new Member of Parliament is Progressive Conservative Bill Kempling. The winner and his wife Muriel show their joy at capturing the formerly Liberal seat. Kempling gave a V-for-Victory sign at his Burlington headquarters on Brant St. The unseen man helping him is Burlington Reeve Jim Swanborough, his campaign manager.

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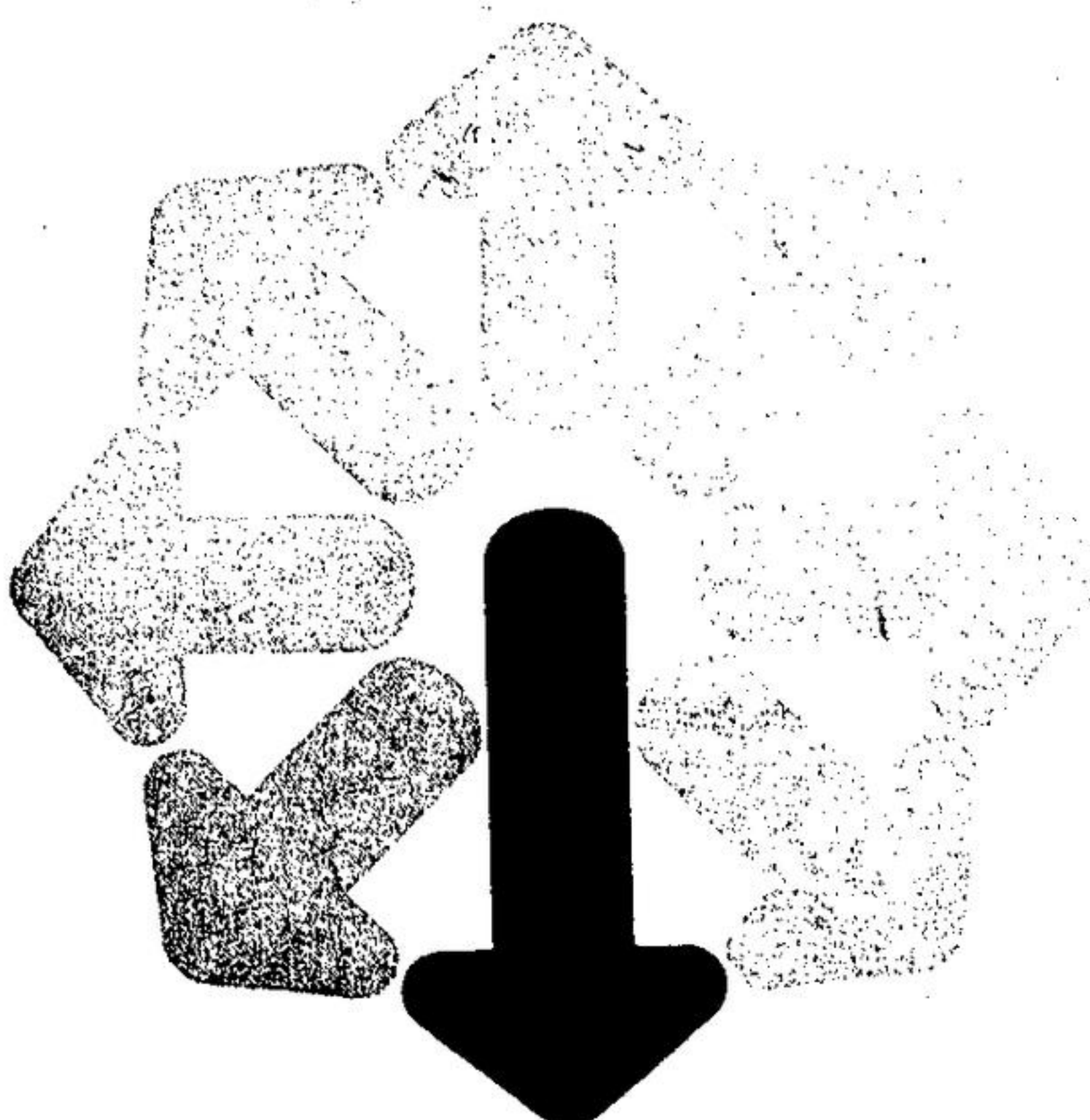
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Losers shake

Dickson Bailey arrived while McGuinness was still there. The two losers shook hands and congratulated each other on running a good campaign.

Inside, Bailey offered congratulations to Kempling's workers, as the MP-elect still hadn't arrived. "Nobody likes to be a loser," he said. "I hope Mr. Kempling has a good term in office."

Asked if he'd be a candidate again, Bailey said "When the next election comes around we'll fight it hard again. It may not be in Halton-Wentworth, but I intend some day to be a winner."

Bailey said he felt it was an anti-Trudeau vote that saw the cross-country upheaval. "We just didn't get the uncommitted vote," he added. Locally, he admitted, "we thought we would do much better than this."

Kempling, the man of the hour, finally arrived from Dundas at 8:40 p.m., preceded by Dundas Deputy Reeve Harry Law on the bagpipes, his wife and three children accompanying him. Kempling wore a striped charcoal suit and Tory blue tie.

Climbing atop a table, he beamed a broad grin and said a big "thank you" to all. "After 57 days of talking, I don't know what to say. It was wonderful, just wonderful... we had so many great people helping us. Thanks a million."

NOTICE COUNTY OF HALTON PUBLIC MEETING

Take notice that the County of Halton Road Committee will hold a public Meeting at 8 p.m., on Thursday, November 2nd, 1972 in the Limehouse Public School, Limehouse, for the purpose of discussing a pre-design study of possible road improvements in the area bounded by No. 15 Sideroad, Highway 7, Highway 25 and the 7th Line, in the Township of Esquesing.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the discussion are cordially invited to attend the public meeting.

Additional information may be obtained from the office of the County Engineer, County Administration Building, Milton, Ontario, Telephone Number 878-2801.

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Kept on track

Problems encountered, solved in railway museum operations

In the first summer of operation, active volunteer workers on the Halton County Radial Railway in the north end of Nassagaweya township have learned through long experience that building a railway is not quite the same as operating one.

Editor John Mills lists some of the difficulties encountered in the October issue of Radial Report, produced for the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association, the parent body at the Nassagaweya-based railway museum.

"Unlike most museums the rail operations of the HCR form a basic part of the total museum operation. The station and parking lot are at one end of the line—the carhouse, gift shop and display area are at the other. So a ride on the museum's cars, instead of just being a joy-ride, achieves some purpose and adds to the sense of realism that the museum is trying to achieve.

However, since there are no turn-around facilities this creates difficulties handling the crowds which have been considerable. As many as 825 tickets have been sold on one afternoon.

The editor estimates that 25 to 30 per cent of the visitors to the museum had never heard of it, were driving down the Guelph Lane, saw the sign and dropped in.

"The overwhelming majority," he notes, "are not rail-oriented."

Many of the visitors find it difficult to believe the unique museum is completely independent and dependent on volunteer labor. Publicity has been good and it is found that people clip references to the museum in the press and keep them until they are able to visit the museum.

There have been several problems with operating the cars and the volunteers are restoring others for use.

The chief operating problem has been tiny bits of rusty scale which build up on the inside surfaces of the air pipes while the cars lay idle for so many years and eventually interfere with valve operation.

Early in August a number from the Opportunities for Youth group, plus volunteers, spent several days in Cornwall, removing the four track carhouse

lead from the Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Co. which has been acquired by the association. All the switches, frogs, curves are now in the museum property and will be used to form the access tracks to carhouse number two at the station when finances are available to go ahead with the building.

Storm warnings

There was an emergency situation late in September when the overhead was affected by an electrical storm, putting the main substation out of action but

the railway men brought the "low power" supply left intact from the previous year and it proved adequate to run 327 and 55 on October 1 when about 500 tickets were sold.

The bulletin notes that visitors are welcome to make constructive comments on their impressions of the museum, along with suggestions on how to improve facilities and practices, keeping in mind limitations of labor and finance.

The museum's railway has been operating on Sundays and holidays from 11 a.m.

Halton-Wentworth votes

NASSAGAWEYA TOWNSHIP

	Bailey	Kempling	McGuinness
291—Masonic Hall	40	100	77
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293—Agnew Bldg.	29	102	74
294—Brookville	44	78	44
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296—Brookville	44	102	39
297—Rockwood	41	95	65
298—Eden Mills	67	97	45



TWO SMILING LOSERS... Dickson Bailey of the NDP and Liberal Norm McGuinness have conceded their defeat to PC Bill Kempling after learning the outcome of the Halton-Wentworth political race.