

# DOUG. SCANLAN LIBERAL CANDIDATE

## A Former Miner And Union Leader - Douglas Scanlan Endorsed As A Strong Candidate In Cochrane South

The weather was perfect for such a gathering. Along the road to Matheson from Timmins, the dust rose in clouds as the small cavalcade of cars wended its way to the Odd Fellow's Hall just off the main street in Matheson. Not a large crowd attended as it was Saturday afternoon and the businessmen, always willing to listen to speakers, were unable to come.

Emile Brunette was the first to arrive with a contingent of lady delegates. Then Gregory T. Evans, and Phillip La Porte arrived. Soon the delegates from Kirkland Lake began to appear. It was three o'clock before the delegates got down to business.

Gregory Evans as chairman and interim president of the South Cochrane Liberal Association introduced the first speaker of the day, Tony Bos of Larder Lake. Tony, a tall, darkly handsome man, proved to be a fiery speaker and started proceedings with a bang.

"I am pleased to see such a goodly number (150) of Liberals here to support the centre line course. The Conservatives," said Tony Bos, "say that their policy has everything you require and that if you are smart, you'll support George Drew just to be on the winning side."

"In Northern Ontario we are fighting for ourselves," he said, "and we are heartened by the information from our friend in the South. George Drew is interested in the things for his own party. The reasons for the election as state by Mr. Drew are farcical. His whole Hydro policy is behind that of the Liberal Party when in power."

"Mr. Drew says that he is coming out on his whole record of government, and any sane thinking person will know what that is. With Drew in power the future of this area is very small. The roads are in terrible shape yet nothing has been done by the government to improve them."

"We must be very careful what you vote for. Jolliffe is offering all the beautiful things of life but he doesn't say how they will be paid for. In the past few years of Drew government," said Mr. Bos, "there has been nothing to equal Mr. Hepburn's record. Mr. Drew will probably tell you that they are going to put new roads in Northern Ontario but he hasn't made a move during all the years he has been in power, and he isn't likely to do so if he is returned to power."

"Mr. Hepburn had wind, but he had plenty behind the wind. Drew has wind and nothing behind it. I thank you."

Mr. Bos sat down. Mr. Evans then introduced an old Liberal warrior named Walter Little. Mr. Little was not sure that the Liberals would win, but he said that they would probably take a lot of seats from George Drew.

"Drew's promises have not been fulfilled," said Mr. Little. "He is now making repentance promises, and since he hasn't kept any of the ones made previously, he isn't likely to keep the ones he makes now in the heat of an election campaign."

Mr. Little shifted his stance and licked his lips. He was merely warming to his subject. "Drew promises to do something about the milk situation but nothing was done. As a matter of fact, he has only made things worse. I believe that if the farmer was to get paid at the same rate as the laborer he would get \$1.00 a pound."

After Mr. Little sat down, Greg. Evans called for nominations for Candidate. Emile Brunette was first nominated but Emile declined as he said that he was running in the new Federal riding which was being formed.

Douglas Scanlan was the next choice. Mr. Scanlan had worked underground and had been president of the Kirkland Lake Local of the union. He had also been a war veteran and had received the DFC. Scanlan was elected candidate by acclamation as no other candidates were forthcoming.

"I feel this is an honor to be able to serve in peace as well as in war," said Mr. Scanlan. A tall, intense, serious type, Mr. Scanlan captured his audience immediately with his obvious masculine charm. "I have studied the theoretical side of politics and have always wanted to get into the fighting or practical side of politics."

"There are three democratic schools of thought," said Mr. Scanlan. "Ours, middle road, the Right and Socialism, which is to the far left. The great body of the Ontario people are not eager to endorse either of these extremes and are caught in the squeeze. Ontario has the dying remnants of the Conservative party and is the only province with a Conservative government. The large mass of the Canadian people are middle roaders."

"This middle course is the only course for people to follow in the entire world." The first part of Mr. Scanlan talk showed his great study of the political scene and many of his academic phrases escaped his hearers. But a sit was his first real opportunity to speak on his nomination he got better as he gained confidence.

A wholly likeable and earnest young man, Scanlan captured the imagination of his listeners and not a stirring or scraping was heard during the whole speech.



Douglas Scanlan D. F. C.

Liberals are the balance of the scale and in a position to look either right or left and see the advantages of any original ideas of both parties at a glance.

"The European countries which have leaned too far to the left, have lost out," he said. "The Liberal Federal government, clearly following the policies of Liberalism have given so much social legislation to Canada as to be called by Drew, a socialist government. But that government has continued to retain the very principles about which the other parties have merely talked."

"Socialism as laid down by the Liberals has left free-enterprise to function freely with just a few annoying restrictions. They have not burst into full bloom, but have been the result of careful planning."

"If we fight hard in the few days remaining in the campaign, we shall have a Liberal from South Cochrane."

After his speech in English, Scanlan then spoke in French, which was a little too good for this editor's rather lame school French.

Emile Brunette and Leon Charlebois of Ansonville, pledged their support of the new candidate. Leon Charlebois congratulated the "new member from South Cochrane," and Emile Brunette said that he would get behind this "sincere Candidate."

"He is the best choice of a candidate that we have ever made," he said smiling. "I have to tell the truth sometime. There is only one Conservative government left — let's get rid of it."

Ted Miron, K.C. of Kirkland Lake, introduced Colin Campbell. Campbell, a rugged type of individual, had worked in the North in his youth and was eager to do all he could to help.

"The only reason I have stepped into the fray this time," said Mr. Campbell, "is because I hate to see a possible dictatorship in the province of Ontario. I have come today because of two things: Doug Bryden is a long standing friend and because regardless whether or not Drew offers good roads, this riding is not Tory."

Mr. Campbell's voice was at once supple and strong. With ringing tones he castigated the Drew regime. "We sold the cars belonging to the cabinet ministers after we got in last time, this time we'll sell that Hydro

plane which cost the government \$170,000.

"You are very fortunate in your candidate. He is a man who has worked as a miner underground and understands both their needs and their problems. He understands the labor union and its function because he was president of the Kirkland Lake Local 240. He wants to fill the job. It is an honor to be a candidate for government at any time but a greater honor to be a liberal candidate. Liberalism is the voice of the people. As long as the party follows the will of the people we stay in power."

"The Tories cannot fulfill their promises and the CCF cannot fulfill theirs with their impractical economy. Economy of a province does not only depend on the economy within but also the economy without the province."

"We feel that George Drew is the best target in this campaign. His actions in parliament are not in the best interests of this province, or country. When he gets mad he uses language not becoming a gentleman or parliamentarian. Drew became the premier when the people became tired of the Liberals."

"In 1943 he made his now infamous 22 points, and in '45 they again gave him a majority to make the points work. Me of the Liberal Party welcome an election at this time."

"Mr. Drew would be a dictator if he could be, he has shown that in all his political life."

Mr. Campbell then listed all the broadcasts which had been given by Mr. Drew in which he had talked about the various work of his cabinet ministers, which they should have been talking about. "There is only one reason why he did this," said Mr. Campbell. "Either he doesn't trust his ministers or he wants to be known as the man who knows everything about government."

"I have become chairman of the Liberal Campaign Committee because we have a man in power in this province who wants to be a dictator. He is afraid to trust you the people, and afraid to trust his ministers."

"Government at Queen's Park requires a team. Each cabinet minister must be able to stand on his own feet. We can't have a team with only one spokesman for the others — that is plainly dictatorship."

"Drew promised to put the department of Lands and Forests under a commission and have it administered like the Hydro-Electric Commission. It was even passed in the house but no commissioners were appointed. A report by Howard Kenedy damned the Department of Lands and Forests which was running the department into the ground."

"In his report Kenedy wrote, 'The decline in the Lumber Industry cannot be explained by saying that the expansion of the Pulp and Paper industry makes up for it. In other provinces there has been an increase in both industries.'

"The Drew government has lost all consideration of the value of a dollar," thundered Colin Campbell. "The budget is now \$250,000,000 but there are no increased services. Roads are in poorer shape although there is an increase in the gasoline tax. The threat of the government to bring in amusement taxes is too much. The way the government has foolishly spent the peoples money on Ontario House in England is an example of their wild spending."

"Hydro under the Tories have bought a plane in the United States which cost them \$162,000 and costs a fabulous amount to keep in running order and to fly. We sold the cabinet ministers cars in 1937 and this time we'll sell the Hydro official's plane."

Mr. Campbell said that the Liberal platform was to increase the old age pensions from \$30 to \$40. "The Conservatives say that they have been doing that, but you have to be destitute before you get it."

"We intend to aid hospitals that have deficits. And we will grant these things whether or not the Dominion government gets out of the amusement tax field."

"We will also reduce the gasoline tax as gasoline is an everyday commodity on which you are paying at present 40 per cent tax. Hepburn repealed the amusement tax and we will not bring that up again."

"Workmen's Compensation rates are too low — the men wait too long for benefits. George Drew voted against the bill to increase the benefits, and purged two men of his party who voted for it, it is common talk," said Mr. Campbell.

"We announced that we would establish a University in Northern Ontario and George Drew announced one in Port Arthur. We have long seen the necessity for such a university here as all our youth have had to go south for their education."

"The present system of mine taxes is dangerous," Mr. Campbell stated. "We will definitely change that."

Reading a handbill handed out by the LPP's, Colin Campbell stated that at the end of the handbill was printed these words: "Where there is not an LPP member running, vote CCF as it is a step in the right direction."

"The CCF hasn't a chance of getting the next government but they may get many seats."

"This riding has suffered for some time with not having representation at Queen's Park. Drew has forgotten Northern Ontario and didn't attempt to have a cabinet minister from this section of the country, although he has the greatest number of cabinet ministers in the history of the province. But this is an old Liberal seat and if you get out and get behind your candidate you will again be represented properly in Queen's Park."

"It is to your own interests to back Douglas Scanlan and make him the member from South Cochrane. By doing that you will go a long way to help the Liberals put Northern Ontario back in the province of Ontario and Ontario back into the Dominion of Canada."

Following Mr. Campbell's speech, nominations were held for officials for the Liberal Association. Gregory T. Evans won the presidential seat without opposition as the other nominees declined politely. Leon Charlebois said that he would rather be first vice-president, where "I can just sit and listen." Mrs. Hardy was elected as 2nd. Vice President and asked: "Do I have to just sit and listen?"

Replied the ever witty Emile Brunette, "If you do, you'll be the first woman to do so." Harry Moscoe of Kirkland Lake was nominated secretary but it was suggested by Ted Miron that the Timmins Association elect the secretary.

Emile Brunette moved the vote of thanks to Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Little and Mr. Bos. It was seconded by Harry Moscoe. The convention ended on a note of confidence which many of the delegates hadn't felt when they arrived.



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