

# Western Ontario Candidates

R. T. EDWARDS, SOUTH-EAST GREY

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Years ago as a student at Owen Sound Collegiate, Robert T. Edwards, a country boy, walked into the office of the principal, Dr. F. W. Merchant, and inquired if he could write for his second-class teaching certificate. The principal replied with discouraging vigor, "No, you can not!" and turned to his desk again. "Bob" Edwards was a red-headed Irish-Canadian, and instead of willing, he stood his ground. "Well, can't I try?" he demanded. Dr. Merchant turned again, and said, "If you are one of the trying kind, there is some hope for you." Edwards got his certificate, and in due course taught for three years at Edge Hill.

The difficulty in writing a sketch of the Conservative candidate in South-East Grey is to know where to stop. Mr. Edwards is full of stories, and there are many about him. At the convention in Durham, which tendered him the unanimous nomination for Parliament on July 26, he told about a barn-raising. He said he was not very much at ease upon the roof beams, but the farmer knew of another talent he possessed, and when a plate beam became lodged, "Bob" Edwards was called upon for the ringing. "Yo heave!" which moved the workers in unison and shot the beam home. "I feel the same way today," said Mr. Edwards, in the convention speech which opened his campaign. If the party workers follow his "Yo heave!" there will be a new member for South-East Grey.

Mr. Edwards has spent most of his 60 years on his farm at Zion in Glenelg. He was born at Maple Hill near Walkerton, attended High school at Walkerton and Owen Sound and Model school in Durham. Then he became a school teacher. He has quite evidently been a close student of public affairs, as his Durham speech showed, and has a "way with him" which will help immensely in the strenuous canvass ahead. Moreover, he is a fighter. He told the convention "I wouldn't have tackled this if I thought it was easy, for I am Irish to the core." He added, amidst applause: "We will win out."

The Durham Review (Liberal) pays this tribute:

"Bob" Edwards is a friendly man to meet. One is at home in his presence, and his kindly smile and voice are passports to friendship. He is the king of story-tellers, and can make a racy speech in an offhand manner which goes well with a crowd. His jokes and witticisms have brightened many an otherwise dry program. If one speaker has a good story, "R. T." can come back with a better one."

It seems that Mr. Edwards has long been a country correspondent of the other Durham paper, The Chronicle, and in its current issue, a fellow correspondent writes a well-phrased article in congratulation, less for Mr. Edwards himself in receiving the nomination than of the electors in their opportunity to support a man of his calibre. The writer says that as a newspaper correspondent, Mr. Edwards for 40 years has truly and sincerely sympathized with thousands of people in their sorrows and rejoiced with them in joy and prosperity. The article continues:

"At the time of starting, he was considered one of the best school teachers in the country and did his teaching in South Grey, which will now reflect much in his favor. He soon started life as a farmer with heavy undertakings which he successfully overcame, and was one of our very best farmers. But it is in the life of the neighborhood and township that he has been so much appreciated. In church, Sunday school, day school, temperance and township affairs, his energetic perseverance has always kept them well to the front. Not only in his own locality was his influence felt, but adjoining ones tried to imitate and keep pace, and to sum it all up, it is just like this: He has faithfully spent a lifetime in promoting everything that Canadians most value, without thinking of remuneration."

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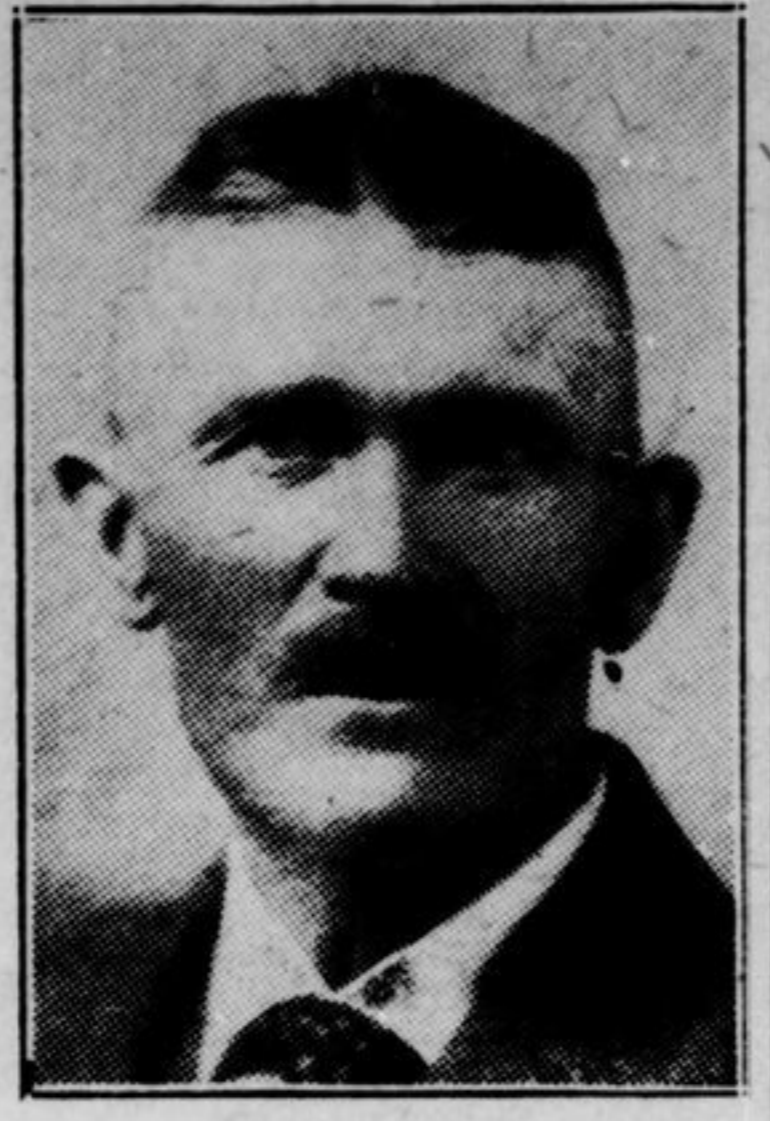
for the call to greater responsibilities and honors are forced upon him by those who realize his fitness for the position. Surely he is deserving over politicians whose only qualification is a strong desire to be placed in high positions without having done anything worth speaking of except talk of what they would like to do."

Mr. Edwards' opponent of course, is Miss Agnes C. Macphail, whose majority over Dr. L. G. Campbell of Markdale last October was 1,407. It means a turnover of 700 votes, but the party is out to succeed. Mr. Edwards was a popular choice, and several good men stood aside for him. He was "brought out" and did not seek the honor. Bigger majorities than Miss Macphail's were wiped out in last year's campaign, and Mr. Edwards evidently has a united party behind him. It must be remembered, too, that the "Maid of Ceylon" had 2,500 in 1921, when a woman candidate was a novelty. In 1911 and 1917, before redistribution of the county, South Grey elected a Conservative, R. J. Ball, who was at the recent convention to wish his successor luck.

It may have been Miss Macphail to whom the candidate alluded at Durham when he said: "There never should have been set up opposition as between town and country. I have realized these last few years that some running in this riding have endeavored to permeate the country people with a feeling that they do not want to have anything to do with the town and tried to put one against the other when our interests were all one. There was also a reference to the exodus of young Canadians to the United States, which carried significance with those who knew that two of Mr. Edwards' sons, Spencer and Keith, are in Detroit. His wife was a daughter of the late Elias Edge and was also a school teacher. They have a family of seven children: St. Elmo, at Sault Ste. Marie; Ivan, of Shelburne; Miss Mina and Joseph, at home in Glenelg; William, a college student in Toronto, and the two sons already mentioned.

**OWEN SOUND CHILD LOST EYE IN ACCIDENT**  
Unfortunate Accident on East Hill.—Splinter Entered Eye.

Little Mildred Barrett, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barrett, Jr., Owen Sound, has lost the use of an eye as the result of an unfortunate accident a few days ago. The little one was in the act of crawling under a wire fence when a boy hit a nearby post with a stick, and a splinter from it glanced off and entered the little girl's eye. The injury was so serious that the ball of the eye had to be removed.



To the Electors of South-East Grey. Dear Fellow Electors:

Chosen unanimously as the Liberal-Conservative candidate for this banner riding, I pledge myself, if elected, to use my every power and influence for the furthering of the best interests of the farmers, the industrial workers and the commercial classes of our beloved Canada.

I will endeavor to have the enormous debt of this country reduced and this land of ours made a place which will not only hold its own youths and maidens, but will attract the masses of the best blood of the motherlands. "Canada for Canadians," is my motto; your best interests my highest ambition; your united support my heartfelt desire.

Gratefully yours,  
R. T. EDWARDS,  
The People's Candidate.

### THE AUTOMATIC

She used to answer, "Number, please."  
And then perhaps you tarried;  
At last I know some guys who did,  
And most of them are married.  
Years, years ago—how time has flown—  
A-flirting at the telephone.  
Was quite the thing.  
But now Dan Cupid's counted out,  
Each time we whirl the dial about,  
And hear the ring.

If you gave her a quiet talk,  
Spoke fair and played the game,  
She'd wake you up at five o'clock  
By ringing till you came.  
"Good morning, Carrie," you would say,  
It seemed to brighten up the day,  
How she loved that!  
But now poor Cupid's in Dutch,  
The phone has lost the human touch  
And things are flat.

Roll on, great Science, do your best,  
Remove our troubles for us;  
Let me assure you we're impressed  
And yet at times you bore us.  
You gave us radio, 'tis true,  
But added that grim bugabeo,  
Unlovely static;  
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You put that colorless machine,  
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### THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR

(Herbert Beardsley)

The future existence of this remarkable bird for a time has been thought to hang on a very slender thread, owing to its alarmingly small range which is now restricted to seven counties in southern California. The state law now provides complete protection for the condor, with a heavy fine against molesting the bird and its egg.

The species is still fairly common for a large bird, probably equal in numbers to the golden eagle in those regions that are suited for it, such as cattle-raising, mountainous territory.

The mountainous areas where the condor is making its last stand seem likely to remain adapted to the bird's existence so that the condor has a fair chance to survive, in limited numbers, for many years.

Although strictly carnivorous in diet, the condor is unable to kill prey for itself; its toes and claws lack the strong muscles that give to eagles such formidable means of attack. Thus they live ever in sight of abundant food and yet unable to satisfy themselves except by the accidental death of some creature.

One of the noteworthy characteristics of the condor is its wonderful eyesight, which probably represents the highest development of the power of vision of any living creature. It has been proved conclusively that they find their food by the sense of sight alone, and that they apparently lack the sense of smell. The male condor is distinguished by a large, fleshy comb, or caruncle, which adorns the head. The bare head and neck are wrinkled and of a dull, reddish color, while the glossy black plumage of the body is surmounted by a fluffy collar of softest, whitest down. The body plumage is entirely black, while the exposed portions of the wing feathers are white, making a striking and spectacular pattern when the bird, soaring, extends its wide, ten-foot wings to the morning sun.

**Longfellow**  
A farmer came to town to insert an obituary notice.  
"How much do you charge?" he asked.  
"A dollar an inch," was the reply.  
"Good heavens! He was six feet tall!"

**Possibly**  
Georgina: George, you looked awfully foolish when you proposed to me.  
George: Well, very likely I was.

### SEED SELECTION BY THE FARMER

The term "seed selection" necessarily includes a choice of variety as well as the selection of seed of that variety. Every farmer should ask himself these two questions: Am I growing the best variety? Am I using the best possible seed of that variety? says A. G. O. White-side, Cerealist.

Some varieties are more suitable for certain districts than others; will return greater yields, will produce a quality of crop which will demand a better market, or will be more suitable for feeding requirements. It pays to solicit the advice of the nearest experimental station, agricultural college or agricultural agent regarding the varieties which are likely to give best results and then to test out a few of these beside the old sort.

Once a really desirable variety has been located, the next important question to settle is how to obtain and maintain a supply of good seed of that variety. It is safe to use only pure seed of high vitality, plump and uniform in quality, free from disease and well matured. When a change of seed is necessary,

it should be obtained from the best source available. Registered seed should be secured if at all possible, as this is the highest grade of seed recognized commercially. If it is desired to improve a variety, a simple method is to go through the field at harvest time and select a large number of heads from plants which are strong, vigorous, free from disease and uniform in type. It is very important that the selection of identical heads be observed, or the resulting crop may not be uniform. These heads may be threshed in a bag, using a round stick, and the seed carefully cleaned and graded with a fanning-mill. The seed should be sown in a special plot of about one-quarter of an acre on clean land to increase the supply. It has been demonstrated many times that seed produced by this method, with careful and efficient use of a good fanning-mill, may pay for the trouble many times over.

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No wonder summer's full of gloom; Already she forces her doom; Her end, all weeping, she awaits; For now they're out—the fall fair dates!

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