

Sinclair Stevens

Riding Member opens 'action office'

YORK-SIMCOE
The voters in York-Simcoe should be commended for turning out in such strength (62 percent) to record their wishes in last week's federal election.

Of course, I must give a special thank you to those voters who chose to vote for me - some 45.6 percent. This P.C. vote was approximately 10 percent higher than the national average for the P.C. Party. Our win was most gratifying.

It is both easy and difficult to comment on election results. The morning after every election there are many columnists, observers and pundits who miraculously can tell exactly what was done right and what was done wrong in the preceding campaign. Their is the easy task. In my view, it is difficult to accurately assess the reasons why any group of voters choose to support one

candidate over another. For campaign purposes, we divided York-Simcoe into five areas. While we carried each area, two areas had a significantly higher Progressive Conservative vote than the other three.

In Simcoe, we were approximately 2,000 votes ahead of our nearest rival which I feel reflects a return in Simcoe to their traditional Conservative voting pattern. In the 1968 election that area went Conservative, but only 3,000 votes. Trudeaumania is gone now and the vote in Simcoe has returned to the P.C.s. The area has an unbroken record of voting Conservative since Confederation and I am pleased that that record has been continued with an increased Conservative vote in 1972.

Whitchurch-Stouffville also gave us

a significant margin -

1,200 votes. We carried all 27 polls in that area and I interpret the results as being partly a protest against the Trudeau government's plan to develop a second Toronto airport in Pickering. If the NDP vote is eliminated from the results in Whitchurch-Stouffville, we find the Liberals received 36 percent and the Progressive Conservatives 64 percent of the vote. It is probably just a coincidence, but in my April survey on the proposed airport, the residents of the same area indicated that they were 65 percent opposed to, 31 percent in favor of and 4 percent undecided about the airport.

The other three

areas in the Riding -

Newmarket - East

Gwillimbury - Aurora

- Oak Ridges - Lake

Wilcox and King -

Vaughan, while

recording a good

plurality for myself,

did not show the large

plurality that was

demonstrated in the

other two areas of the

Riding. In these latter areas, the P.C. vote was more in line with local riding averages.

It now appears that

Mr. Trudeau intends to

form a government and meet Parliament.

For a time, the P.C.s,

when they had a one-

seat margin, felt that

they would likely be

called upon to form the

government. We are

disappointed that this is now unlikely.

Certain decisive

government measures

must be taken,

especially in the

economic field in

Canada. I earnestly hope that if Mr. Trudeau does form a

new government, he

will have the courage

to act decisively to

introduce measures to

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