



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

ELECTION STATISTICS

1987

BY-ELECTION HELD DECEMBER 17, 1987
IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF
WINDSOR-BUCHANS



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**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER**

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R.S.N., 1970, as amended at s.s. 168(1)*

PREFACE

Graham Flight, who had been elected in the most recent General Election held on April 2, 1985 publically resigned his seat in the House of Assembly on June 26, 1987 and shortly thereafter, tendered his resignation as is required by the *Legislative Disabilities Act*, to His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor. As a result the Provincial Electoral District of Windsor-Buchans was without representation. Mr. Flight resigned, he said, to afford the Leader of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland, who was not an elected member of the Legislature, an opportunity to seek election to the House of Assembly in a By-Election in Windsor-Buchans. A Liberal Party Convention held in St. John's had, earlier, on June 6, 1987 elected CLYDE K. WELLS Leader of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland.

The Administrator in Council commenced a By-Election in Windsor-Buchans by Proclamation dated November 25, 1987 in which it was directed that:

- (1) a Writ of Election for the Electoral District of Windsor-Buchans be issued on the 25th day of November, 1987;
- (2) the last day of Nomination of Candidates would be the 7th day of December, 1987 and on that day nominations must be made at the Provincial Court in Grand Falls; and
- (3) the day of Polling would be the 17th day of December, 1987.

Regulation 211/87, dated November 25, 1987 ordered the use of the March, 1985 Official List of Electors for the By-Election.

Three Candidates were nominated — Helen Joe a New Democrat; Sean Power a Progressive Conservative; and Clyde K. Wells a Liberal. These three candidates represent the only parties active in the Province at present.

Regulation 221/87 ordered Advance Polls held in the towns of Windsor and Buchans on both Saturday, December 12, 1987 and Monday, December 14, 1987. A Proclamation dated December 7, 1987 (Regulation 222/87) ordered Special Polls held on Polling Day in the following locations:

Western Community College, Stephenville
Grand Falls Central Community College, Grand Falls
Central Community College, Gander
Fisher Institute, Corner Brook
Cabot Institute, St. John's
The Health Science Centre, St. John's
The Grace General Hospital, St. John's
St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, St. John's
The Waterford Hospital, St. John's
The Leonard A. Miller Centre, St. John's
James Paton Memorial Hospital, Gander
Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre, Grand Falls
The R.C.M.P. Facility, Grand Falls
Bishop's Falls Correctional Centre, Bishop's Falls
Salmonier Correctional Institution, Salmonier
Her Majesty's Penitentiary, St. John's
Newfoundland & Labrador Correctional Centre for Women, Stephenville

These provide patients in acute care facilities an opportunity to exercise their franchise. Similar administrative procedures were in place in Correctional facilities. Special Polls for students and all other qualified electors were established in educational institutions. Moreover, in the District regular polls were set up in the R.C.M.P. facility in Buchans and also in the A.M. Guy Memorial Hospital there, pursuant to the *Election Act* at s.s. 53(8). They are significant primarily because extant electoral law does not provide for Proxy and/or Absentee voting. Special Polls administratively enable electors outside the Electoral District to vote. The specific choice of locations is the result of a careful study of germane information by the Chief Electoral Officer and a recommendation, subject always to reasonable limitations, made usually between elections.

PREFACE (Continued)

Clyde K. Wells, the Leader of the Liberal Party, was elected with a majority of 428 votes. He was sworn in as member for Windsor-Buchans in the House of Assembly at Government House in St. John's by the Lieutenant-Governor, The Honourable James A. McGrath, P.C., LL.D., on December 31, 1987.

The March, 1985 Official List of Electors has been used in three By-Elections since the April 2, 1985 General Election. Statistics on the number of electors affirmed or sworn on Polling Day in these elections is set out below. These electors names are not on the Official List of Electors.

Date	District	No. Sworn or Affirmed	Votes Cast	% Sworn or Affirmed
Dec. 9, 1986	St. John's East	1350	4052	33%
Dec. 9, 1986	St. John's East Extern	1161	5344	22%
Dec 17, 1987	Windsor-Buchans	928	4461	21%

This is an indication that the 1985 Lists are aging. There appears to be a significant difference between Urban and semi-rural Electoral Districts.

Section 63 of the *Election Act* precludes persons other than electors, one by one if necessary, the election officials, and candidates agents (one per polling station) from being permitted to remain in a polling station. The exceptions to this rule are the Candidates and/or their Official Agents. The *Election Act* discusses Official Agents at s. 121. Because the competition to win is intense, runners, outside agents, and others, (generally political party workers) unlawfully enter the polling space. Further, it is difficult to find agents who will remain throughout the 12 hours of polling. These facts present difficulties which affect the conduct of the polls and indeed affect peace and good order. As a result s. 63 was and shall continue to be strictly enforced.

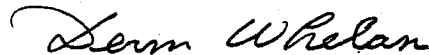
Section 11A of the *Election Act* clearly states the Military must vote where they are stationed. Officials encountered Military electors stationed at C.F.B., Gander who regarded Windsor-Buchans as their permanent domicile. While the *Canada Elections Act* permits such an electoral practice, the provincial electoral law does not.

The statistics on Special Polls are provided in totals as are Advance Polls to protect the secrecy of the ballots cast by electors. Sometimes in Special Polls there are very few electors and if all vote for the same Candidate the secrecy of the poll is compromised, after the fact.

The Notice of Grant of Poll is included to assist interested persons with future activities.

A very sincere thank you is extended to the many election officers who conducted this By-Election so very well. Similarly, the Co-operation of political parties, the candidates, and workers was outstanding.

For this By-Election a plan was in place to defer the election if absolutely necessary. Indeed this plan applies to any election and major officials are carefully briefed. The *Election Act* as s. 35, s. 54, and s. 55 refers. The circumstances were such because of an extremely inclement weather forecast. Thus a decision was taken to stand ready to implement the plan. However it was not necessary as the weather improved significantly, particularly in the District. These remarks are made to point out to electors that weather cannot dictate the outcome of any election. Electors only have this prerogative.



Dermot F. Whelan
Chief Electoral Officer

January 21, 1988

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**RETURNING OFFICER
BY-ELECTION OF DECEMBER 17, 1987**

Electoral District
Windsor-Buchans

Returning Officer
Ann Bussey

Address
11 Elliott Street
Windsor, A0H 2H0

GENERAL STATISTICS

Date of Issue of Writ	November 25, 1987
Date of Nominations	December 7, 1987
Date of Election	December 17, 1987
Number of Candidates Nominated	3
Number of Ordinary Polling Stations	25
Number of Advance Polling Stations	2
Number of Special Polling Stations	17
Number of Valid Votes cast at Ordinary Polls	4096
Number of Valid Votes cast at Advance Polls	260
Number of Valid Votes cast at Special Polls	83
Number of Rejected Ballots	22
Total Number of Votes Cast	4461
Total Number on Voter's List	5692
Percentage Voting	78.37%
Total Votes cast for Liberals	2231
Total Votes cast for New Democrats	405
Total Votes cast for Progressive Conservatives	1803

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE'S NAME	POLITICAL AFFILIATION	PLACE OF RESIDENCE	OCCUPATION
WINDSOR-BUCHANS	JOE, HELEN	N.D.P.	111 Goodyear Avenue, Grand Falls	Businesswoman
	POWER, SEAN	P.C.	Buchans	Development Co-ordinator
	*WELLS, CLYDE K.	L.	3 Glenwood Crescent, St. John's	Lawyer

* Elected

SUMMARY, BY PARTY, OF VALID VOTES CAST

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	L.		N.D.P.		P.C.		TOTAL VALID VOTES CASE
		PERCENT		PERCENT		PERCENT	
WINDSOR-BUCHANS	2231	50.26	405	9.12	1803	40.62	4439

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

* Elected

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	CANDIDATE (*Elected)	POLITICAL AFFILIATION	BALLOTS COUNTED FOR	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES POLLED	REJECTED BALLOTS	TOTAL NAMES ON VOTERS LIST	PERCENTAGE OF ELECTORS VOTING
WINDSOR-BUCHANS	JOE, Helen	N.D.P.	405	9.12			
	POWER, Sean	P.C.	1803	40.62			
	*WELLS, Clyde K.	L.	2231	50.26			
			4439	100.00	22	5692	78.37%

Ballots cast for Liberal Candidate 2231--50.26%

Ballots cast for New Democratic Party Candidate 405-- 9.12%

Ballots cast for Progressive Conservative Party Candidate 1803--40.62%

RECAPITULATION OF VOTES

BY-ELECTION, ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF WINDSOR-BUCHANS

DECEMBER 17, 1987

Polling Station Number	PLACE	Ballots Cast for Candidate			Rejected Ballots	Total Votes Cast	Total Names on List
		JOE HELEN (N.D.P.)	POWER, SEAN (P.C.)	WELLS, CLYDE K. (LIB.)			
1	Windsor	35	42	106	4	187	254
2	Windsor	26	58	105	1	190	272
3	Windsor	11	47	107	0	165	245
4	Windsor	32	54	91	3	180	245
5	Windsor	21	82	72	3	178	242
6	Windsor	24	90	74	0	188	238
7	Windsor	19	48	98	3	168	265
8	Windsor	14	60	132	0	206	281
9	Windsor	14	80	79	0	173	233
10	Windsor	29	56	95	1	181	290
11	Windsor	12	66	89	0	167	282
12	Windsor	40	84	91	1	216	286
13	Windsor	36	75	72	1	184	237
14	Windsor	26	65	109	0	200	269
15	Badger	7	74	100	2	183	240
16	Badger	16	73	108	0	197	243
17	Badger	8	101	126	0	235	289
18	Buchans Junction	1	47	62	0	110	128
19	Millertown	3	51	65	0	119	152
20	Buchans	7	79	92	0	178	252
21	Buchans	3	100	91	3	197	292
22	Buchans	5	67	58	0	130	215
23	Buchans, which includes:	1	94	91	0	186	242
(A)	A.M. Guy Memorial Hospital, Buchans, and						
(B)	R.C.M.P. Facility, Buchans						
<u>ADVANCE POLLS</u>							
	Windsor	10	107	49	0	166	
	Buchans	0	62	32	0	94	
<u>SPECIAL POLLS</u>		5	41	37	0	83	
<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>405</u>	<u>1803</u>	<u>2231</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>4461</u>	<u>5692</u>

Majority for Clyde K. Wells (L.): 428

DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DIVISIONS

POLLING DIVISION No.	BOUNDARIES OF POLLING DIVISION
1	WINDSOR - Main Street from the East End Convenience Store East to the Dead End; Premier Place; Tenth Avenue; Wheeler's Avenue; Wheeler's Avenue Extension; Windsor Place.
2	WINDSOR - Birch Drive; Carlton Place; Earle Street from Pleasant Street to Main Street; Pinewood Drive; Smallwood Drive; Smallwood Drive Extension; Spruce Place.
3	WINDSOR - Earle Street from Pleasant Street to King Street; Eighth Avenue; Eleventh Avenue; Main Street from East End Convenience Store to Patrick Street; Ninth Avenue; Pleasant Street; Rosedale Avenue.
4	WINDSOR - Bond Street from Second Avenue to Seventh Avenue; Chestnut Place; Colonial Place; Hill Street; Hillside Drive; King Street from Second Avenue to Seventh Avenue; Mercer's Lane; Poplar Place; Seventh Avenue; Thirteenth Avenue from Coronation Street to King Street; Vine Street; Wellington Drive.
5	WINDSOR - Bond Street from Second Avenue to Victoria Street; Chatam Place; Essex Place; First Avenue; Lyall Street; Patrick Street; Second Avenue from Coronation Street to Main Street; Sunset Drive; Victoria Street.
6	WINDSOR - Ballard's Place; Main Street from Patrick Street West to dead end; Main Street West Extension; Oasis; Pearson's Peak; Preston Place; Red Cliff; Ruston Avenue; Sixteenth Avenue; Trans-Canada Highway; Turpin Place; Weston Place; Woodfern Place.
7	WINDSOR - Caribou Road; Churchill Place; Glenwood Avenue; Oak Drive; Sapling Street; Young Street.
8	WINDSOR - Country Road; Empire Drive; Farmdale Avenue; King Street from Centennial Avenue to Country Road; LeDrew Place; Petite Drive; Prices Avenue; Richmond Street; Wuthering Drive.
9	WINDSOR - Aspen Heights; Coopers Avenue; Erin Place; Forest Road; Park Street.

DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DIVISIONS (Continued)

POLLING DIVISION NO.	BOUNDARIES OF POLLING DIVISION
10	WINDSOR - Centennial Avenue; Centennial Avenue Extension; Elliott Street; Irving Street; King Street from Centennial Avenue to Seventh Avenue; Masters Avenue; Rices Avenue; Rideouts Avenue.
11	WINDSOR - Coronation Street; Elizabeth Avenue; George Street; Kenmore Drive; Second Avenue from Coronation Street to Glendale Street; Trinity Street.
12	WINDSOR - Bennett Avenue; Eighteenth Avenue; Melrose Drive; Seventeenth Avenue; Whitmore Street.
13	WINDSOR - Albany Place; Brooks Avenue; Browns Heights; John's Place; Keats Avenue; King's Place; Kingston Road; Summit Road; Thirteenth Avenue from Coronation Street to the dead end.
14	WINDSOR - Glendale Street; Mulrooney Street; Second Avenue from Glendale Street to the end; Second Avenue Extension (Pond View Drive; Beothuck Crest; Fern Place; Fairview Heights; Sherwood Avenue).
15	BADGER - Buchans Highway; Church Road from Buchans Highway to School Road; Maple Street; School Road.
16	BADGER - Beothuck Street; Church Road from West entrance of School Road to Main Street; Kinsmen Drive; Main Street; River Road; Sunset Drive.
17	BADGER - Badger Drive; Earle Street; First Avenue; Fourth Avenue; Old Badger Drive; Ridgeview Road; Second Avenue; Third Avenue.
18	BUCHANS JUNCTION.
19	MILLERTOWN.
20	BUCHANS - All Buchans Townsite including Trailer Court.
21	BUCHANS - All houses bounded on the West by Centre Street; on the North by South Street; on the East by Lakeview Avenue; All houses on the Buchans Highway.

DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DIVISIONS (Continued)

POLLING DIVISION No.	BOUNDARIES OF POLLING DIVISION
22	<p>BUCHANS - Jackson Street from South Street to Water Street; Church Street from South Street to Water Street; also all houses from Court Road to Bennett Hill.</p>
23	<p>BUCHANS - All houses North of Main Street, also Royal Canadian Mounted Police Building and all houses from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Building to Union Hall,</p> <p>and</p> <p>(a) Guy A.M. Memorial Hospital</p> <p>(b) Royal Canadian Mounted Police Holding Unit.</p>

