

Free Government From Its Pledge

LOCAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ONE OF HIGHEST PERCENTAGES IN ENTIRE PROVINCE

The people of Canada have spoken. The Government of Canada is freed from any previous commitments to act in the best interests of Canada. By an overwhelming majority the people of Canada have risen above political party, race, creed, or any other loyalties, to put Canada and the Nation first and give whole-hearted support to Canada's Government during this war which is a struggle for our very existence. Over two-thirds of the people of Canada voted "Yes." Urban and rural Ontario rolled up a smashing affirmative vote, over 86% of the citizens casting affirmative ballots. The general affirmative vote in this Province submerged the "No's" in Quebec.

Dufferin-Simcoe's Record

The riding of Dufferin-Simcoe established something of a record "Yes" vote. Hon. Earl Rowe last week addressed the electors of Dufferin-Simcoe through the medium of the weekly newspapers of the riding urging a "Yes" vote, stating that the decision "far transcends the bounds of political faith or party allegiance" and asking that voters "let the past go until the future permits its review." Practically all of the weekly newspapers of the riding and the daily newspapers read in this district during the past few weeks have urged along the same lines. That the need for an affirmative vote was fully realized is indicated by the people of this riding voting over 92% "Yes"—9,354 "Yes" votes to 867 "No's."—92% is the highest percentage "Yes" vote in Ontario, and Dufferin-Simcoe was only equalled by two other ridings, Carleton and Ottawa West.

Bradford and West Gwillimbury

In Bradford there were 400 "Yes" votes against 32 "No's" on Monday's voting. Polling subdivision No. 1, with 383 possible voters, recorded a vote of 253 "Yes" and 16 "No" and polling subdivision No. 2, with 270 names, had 147 affirmative and 16 negative votes, a "Yes" vote of 92.6%. The vote was light, only about 66% of the possible vote being represented.

In West Gwillimbury the vote was small, less than 50% of the possible votes being cast, but the affirmative vote was overwhelming. Polling subdivision No. 1, with a possible 275 voters, had 144 affirmative and 5 negative; subdivision No. 2, with 236 names, had 95 "Yes" and 6 "No"; No. 3, with 191 names, had 101 "Yes" and 8 "No"; No. 4, with 262 names, cast 129 affirmative and 4 negative votes; and subdivision No. 5 with 142 names, had 88 "Yes" and 6 "No."