

BI-LINGUALISM THE ISSUE IN THE EAST

Many Liberal Candidates Re- pudiate the Abolish-the- Bar Policy.

Ottawa, June 18.—In Ottawa West ex-Mayor Ellis, the present member, is again the Conservative candidate. He has a strong organization and is an experienced campaigner and should have little difficulty winning. However, his defeat as Mayor last January, when he was champion of the Cati-neau Lake water scheme, may injure him. The municipal fight was very bitter, and enemies were made by Ellis, who will undoubtedly, irrespective of political issues endeavor to defeat him.

The Liberals had some difficulty in securing a candidate in Ottawa West. Ex-Mayor Charles Hopewell, a Conservative and temperance man, who has been a bitter rival of Ellis in municipal politics, was spoken of as running as an independent with Liberal backing. If he had run he would have been supported by The Ottawa Citizen. The Liberals, however, balked, and after much skirmishing round brought out a very respectable, but little known young man, Mr. W. G. Hurdman. It is not believed he stands the ghost of a chance, though the municipal factor in the campaign makes for a large amount of uncertainty.

In Ottawa East there is a still more uncertain and interesting fight, and the situation is still more complicated. Mr. Napoleon Champagne, the former Conservative member, and again the candidate, is apparently opposed to the present bi-lingual regulations of the Whitney Government, though he has made no definite pronouncement. The Liberal candidate, Ald. Pinard, on the other hand, is frankly opposed to the "Abolish the bar" platform of his leader. The clerical influence is being thrown overwhelmingly behind Pinard. Le Droit, the Ottawa clerical daily, is putting up a most vigorous campaign against Champagne and the Whitney Government, entirely on the grounds of bi-lingualism. Regulation 17 is almost the sole issue in Ottawa East. To complicate the situation, Mr. J. G. Klit has announced himself in the field as an Independent Liberal supporting the Whitney Government on Regulation 17. If he remains in the field Champagne should win in a walk-over. However, there are so many undercurrents and influences that no one can predict what may happen.

In several other Eastern Ontario seats, bi-lingualism is also an issue. In Russell the present Liberal member, Mr. D. Racine, is again a candidate, though he had a fight for his convention. Mr. E. J. Laverdue, a well-known Ottawa contractor, is the Conservative candidate. Russell is traditionally Liberal, while the bi-lingual question will help the Liberal candidate. However, Laverdue, who is vice-president of the Ottawa Conservative Association, is a vigorous campaigner and will put a lively fight.

In Prescott, bi-lingualism is also the issue. F. A. Senecal is the Liberal candidate, though Gustave Evanturel may jump into the fight. The Conservatives have not yet nominated. "Abolish the Bar" is not a popular issue and in these two counties will strengthen the Conservative cause. In Glengarry also bi-lingualism rather than "Abolish the Bar" is likely to be the chief issue. It is at present held by the Liberals, but the Conservatives believe they have good chances of carrying the seat.

In Stormont the Conservative member in the last House, Mr. J. C. Milligan, lost the convention. The Conservative candidate is R. T. Shearer. The Liberal candidate is J. W. McLeod. Milligan's majority last election was 225, and it is predicted Shearer will have an even bigger majority.

Sir James Whitney, in Dundas will have his usual majority, ranging in the neighborhood of a thousand. His opponent will again be R. Muir the Toronto commercial traveler.

Mr. Howard Ferguson in Grenville has trouble on his hands and Mr. H. Evanson has announced himself as an Independent Conservative candidate. It is doubtful whether the Liberals will put a man in the field. Despite the local troubles, not much doubt is expressed over the return of Mr. Ferguson again.

Mr. A. E. Donovan is again the Conservative candidate in Brockville, winning out over Mayor Donaldson in the convention. The Liberal candidate is Mr. Rogers, proprietor of the Brockville Business College. Brockville is always hard fighting ground. Donovan has held the seat since 1907, when he carried it in a bye-election, and there is not much doubt of his re-election by a bigger majority than ever. It is said that Senator Derby