

June 25, 2013 By-Election Report: Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair

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Honourable Ross Wiseman
Speaker
House of Assembly
Main Floor, East Block
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St. John's, NL

Dear Speaker:

Section 214 of the *Elections Act, 1991* states that "The Chief Electoral Office shall publish within 9 months after each general election and each by-election a book containing pertinent statistics of the election, including poll by poll results of each electoral district."

In accordance with this, I am pleased to present you with this report on the June 25, 2013 by-election in the electoral district of Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair.

I have arranged for copies to be distributed to all Members of the House of Assembly. I trust this meets with your approval.

Sincerely,

Victor Powers
Chief Electoral Officer

On Monday, June 3, 2013, a Writ of Election was issued for a by-election in the electoral district of Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair. The by-election date was set for June 25, 2013, and was called to fill a vacancy resulting from the resignation of Liberal Member of the House of Assembly, Yvonne Jones, on April 8, 2013.

The preliminary list of electors for the district, dated May 1, 2013, contained 3047 names. Updates to the list continued during the election period until 8 p.m. on June 18, 2013 (advance poll day), resulting in a final revised list of electors containing 3078 names. The final revised list included electors who had applied to vote by Special Ballot, who voted at the advance polls and/or who applied to be added to the list (as well as other changes such as elector moves or corrections to electors' names and/or addresses).

On June 19, 2013 the final revised list was given to the district Returning Officer for distribution to the political parties and candidates. This list was used by the Returning Officer and all election officials as the Official List of Electors on polling day.

Official nomination day was Saturday, June 15, 2013. At the close of nominations three candidates had completed the official nomination process and were added to the ballot for the by-election:

Lisa V. Dempster for the Liberal Party
Dennis Normore for the Progressive Conservative Party
Jason Spingle for the New Democratic Party

Voters in the by-election had the opportunity to vote by one of three methods:

- At one of the 21 regular polls held on June 25, 2013
- At one of the three advance polls held on June 18, 2013
- By Special Ballot (from May 10, 2013 to June 18, 2013)

Special Ballot applications were available on the Elections Newfoundland and Labrador website, by mail or during specified hours at several locations: Elections Newfoundland and Labrador's Head Office in St. John's, the District Returning Office in Port Hope Simpson or at one of the two Designated Offices located in Cartwright and L'Anse au Loup. Once a Special Ballot application was approved a Special Ballot Voting kit was issued to the voter and the voter was unable to vote by any other method. A completed Special Ballot voting kit could be returned by mail or dropped off at either of the above noted office locations within specified deadlines.

A total of 183 Special Ballot applications were processed at Special Ballot locations including 15 applications at the Designated Office in Cartwright and 60 at the Designated Office in L'Anse au Loup. Of the 183 applications processed, 180 were returned by the specified deadlines, two were not returned and one Special Ballot was cancelled for a final Special Ballot count of 180.

A total of 258 ballots were cast at the three advance polls held on June 18, 2013. 59 ballots were cast at the advance poll in Cartwright, 155 ballots were cast at the advance poll in L'Anse au Loup and 44 ballots were cast at the advance poll in Mary's Harbour.

A total of 1703 ballots were cast at the 21 regular polls held on June 25, 2013.

170 electors were sworn in at either the advance polls, Special Ballot polls or at regular polls on polling day.

The preliminary count on election night indicated a total of 2140 votes were cast resulting in 1141 votes for Lisa V. Dempster, 287 votes for Dennis Normore and 703 votes for Jason Spingle.

The official addition of the votes occurred on Friday, June 28, 2013 at the district Returning Office resulting in one additional vote added to the total cast for Lisa V. Dempster. Vote counts for the other candidates remained unchanged. The official results for the by-election (which represented a 69.5 per cent turnout) were therefore:

Lisa V. Dempster	-	1142
Dennis Normore	-	287
Jason Spingle	-	703
Rejected ballots	-	9 **
Total	-	2141

*** Note: Due to a clerical error, the official election results which were posted in the Newfoundland Gazette (Vol. 88 No. 28, July 12, 2013) indicated a total of 2140 ballots cast including eight rejected ballots instead of the nine actual rejected ballots. The numbers of votes cast per candidate were reported correctly at that time.*

As a result, Liberal candidate Lisa V. Dempster was declared elected and was sworn in as a member of the House of Assembly on July 18, 2013.

Immediately following the swearing in of the successful candidate, representation in the House of Assembly consisted of 36 Progressive Conservatives, six Liberals, five New Democrats and one independent.

On August 29, 2013, following the Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair by-election and prior to completion of this report, St. John’s South MHA Tom Osborne, who had been sitting as an independent in the House of Assembly, announced his decision to join the Liberal Party. Following his decision, representation in the House of Assembly consisted of 36 Progressive Conservatives, seven Liberals and five New Democrats.

The Chief Electoral Officer would like to extend appreciation to the district staff for overseeing an efficient by-election: Betty Sampson (Returning Officer), Mary Penney (Election Clerk) and Ruth Burden (Special Ballot Officer). Thanks are also extended to the many other district election workers and to the staff at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer for a job well done.

**JUNE 25, 2013 BY-ELECTION
 POLLING DIVISION RECAPITULATION OF VOTES FOR
 THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CARTWRIGHT-L'ANSE AU CLAIR**

NO.	POLLING DIVISION	BALLOTS COUNTED									
		ELIGIBLE VOTERS		DEMPSTER		NORMORE		SPINGLE		REJECTED BALLOTS	TOTAL BALLOTS
		REVISED LIST	SWEAR-IN AT POLLS	Lisa V. Lib		Dennis PC		Jason NDP			
1	L'Anse au Clair	149	17	19	1	103	0	123			
2	Forteau/English Point	309	27	84	15	82	5	186			
3	L'Anse Amour/L'anse au Loup	189	8	14	37	22	0	73			
4	L'Anse au Loup	282	8	24	62	32	0	118			
5	Capstan Island	35	0	13	6	1	1	21			
6	West St. Modeste	99	-	28	24	16	0	68			
7	Pinware	71	8	7	8	31	0	46			
8	Red Bay	171	4	31	24	43	0	98			
9	Lodge Bay	62	2	33	3	9	0	45			
10	Mary's Harbour	303	2	108	5	36	0	149			
11	St. Lewis	160	6	66	5	25	0	96			
12	Williams Harbour	24	3	16	0	3	0	19			
13	Port Hope Simpson	166	15	40	5	50	2	97			
14	Port Hope Simpson	187	5	47	4	52	0	103			
15	Pinsent's Arm	48	7	40	0	3	0	43			
16	Charlottetown	228	17	131	5	25	0	161			
17	Norman's Bay	30	1	7	1	4	0	12			
18	Black Tickle and Domino	153	3	50	2	24	0	76			
19	Cartwright	169	7	57	2	13	0	72			
20	Cartwright	232	10	70	1	20	0	91			
21	Paradise River	11	0	4	1	1	0	6			
22	Advance Poll - Cartwright		-	53	2	4	0	59			
23	Advance Poll - L'Anse au Loup		11	62	36	57	0	155			
24	Advance Poll - Mary's Harbour		3	38	0	5	1	44			
25	Special Ballots		6	100	38	42	0	180			
TOTALS		3078	170	1142	287	703	9	2141			

Summary of Polling Divisions CARTWRIGHT - L'ANSE AU CLAIR

Total Number of Polling Divisions in District: 21
Total Number of Registered Electors in District: 3078

Polling Division	Boundary Descriptions	Registered Electors
1.	L'ANSE-AU-CLAIR: THE TOWN OF L'ANSE-AU-CLAIR INCLUDING BAYVIEW CRESCENT; CHURCH STREET; COUNTRY ROAD; HILLSIDE DRIVE; LODGE ROAD; MAIN HIGHWAY; OCEANVIEW DRIVE; OCEANVIEW DRIVE EXTENSION (NO HOUSES); PLEASANT STREET; AND WESTERN BROOK ROAD.	149
2.	FORTEAU/ENGLISH POINT: THE TOWN OF FORTEAU INCLUDING BUCKLE'S POINT ROAD; BOAT'S COVE BROOK STREET; ENGLISH POINT ROAD; FIRST POND ROAD (NO HOUSES); HARBOUR DRIVE; HOWELL AVENUE; MISERY HILL ROAD (NO HOUSES); PHILIP'S DRIVE; PINE AVENUE; RIVER ROAD; ROBINSON LANE; WILLOW AVENUE; MAIN STREET (INCLUDING LABRADOR STRAITS SENIOR HOUSING INC., 34 MAIN STREET); AND SESAME STREET (INCLUDING LABRADOR SOUTH HEALTH CARE CENTRE, 5 SESAME STREET). THE COMMUNITY OF ENGLISH POINT INCLUDING BIRCH STREET; BACK COVE PLACE; SPRUCE AVENUE; AND WATER STREET.	309
3.	L'ANSE-AMOUR/L'ANSE-AU-LOUP: THE COMMUNITY OF L'ANSE-AMOUR. LANSE-AU-LOUP: BARNNEY'S ROAD; EVERGREEN AVENUE; WATERFRONT ROAD; COUNTRY ROAD; EARLE'S ROAD; OCEAN DRIVE; HALL ROAD; AND HARBOUR DRIVE.	189
4.	L'ANSE-AU-LOUP: BATTERY LANE; BELBIN'S ROAD; BRANCH ROAD; BROOK ROAD; HILLSIDE DRIVE; MAIN HIGHWAY (ALSO KNOWN AS HIGHWAY 510); O'BRIEN'S CRESCENT; O'BRIEN'S ROAD; RIVER ROAD; AND SCHOOL ROAD.	282
5.	CAPSTAN ISLAND: THE COMMUNITY OF CAPSTAN ISLAND INCLUDING HIGHWAY 510.	35
6.	WEST ST. MODESTE: THE TOWN OF WEST ST. MODESTE INCLUDING BOLGER'S LANE; FOWLER'S ROAD; JACOB'S DRIVE; MAIN HIGHWAY (ALSO KNOWN AS HIGHWAY 510); MARINE DRIVE; MCDONALD DRIVE; MCDONALD'S ISLAND (NO HOUSES); O'DELL'S LANE; AND RINK ROAD (NO HOUSES).	99
7.	PINWARE: THE TOWN OF PINWARE INCLUDING MAIN STREET (ALSO KNOWN AS HIGHWAY 510).	71

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8.	RED BAY: THE TOWN OF RED BAY INCLUDING BASIN DRIVE; BROOK LANE; CHURCH LANE; CO-OP LANE (NO HOUSES); EAST HARBOUR DRIVE; LOOK OUT LANE; MAIN HIGHWAY (ALSO KNOWN AS HIGHWAY 510); NORTHERN BROOK ROAD; ORGAN'S ISLAND (NO HOUSES); SADDLE ISLAND (NO HOUSES); SCHOOL HOUSE LANE; TRACEY; AND WEST HARBOUR DRIVE.	171
9.	LODGE BAY: THE COMMUNITY OF LODGE BAY INCLUDING RANGER VALLEY DRIVE.	62
10.	MARY'S HARBOUR: THE TOWN OF MARY'S HARBOUR INCLUDING AIRSTRIP ROAD (NO HOUSES); BARNEY'S POND ROAD; CHURCH ROAD; CUMBY'S ROAD; GIN COVE HILL (NO HOUSES); HILLVIEW ROAD; HILLVIEW ROAD EXTENSION; HYDRO ROAD; LODGE BAY ROAD; MICHAEL'S POINT ROAD; MICHAEL'S POINT ROAD EXTENSION; PIGEON POND HILL (NO HOUSES); RIVERVIEW SUBDIVISION; AND MAIN STREET (INCLUDING HARBOURVIEW MANOR, 187 MAIN STREET).	303
11.	ST. LEWIS: THE TOWN OF ST. LEWIS INCLUDING AIRPORT HILL ROAD; FISHERMANS POINT ROAD; FRANKIES COVE ROAD; HARBOUR VIEW DRIVE; HARBOUR VIEW ROAD; HILL VIEW ROAD; LOADERS POINT ROAD; MAIN ROAD; SHOAL POINT ROAD; MAIN STREET; AND TOWER ROAD (NO HOUSES).	160
12.	WILLIAMS HARBOUR: THE COMMUNITY OF WILLIAMS HARBOUR INCLUDING MAIN STREET.	24
13.	PORT HOPE SIMPSON: AIRPORT ROAD; ALEXIS DRIVE; BOWATER AVENUE; COUNTRY ROAD; D. C. YOUNG BOULEVARD; MARINE DRIVE; MILLCOVE ROAD (NO HOUSES); MONUMENT LANE; PENNY'S LANE; BAYVIEW ROAD; RANGER DRIVE; RIVERVIEW ROAD; ROUTE 510 (COMMERCIAL AREA ONLY); WING ROAD (NO HOUSES); AND WOODLAND HEIGHTS.	166
14.	PORT HOPE SIMPSON: PIONEER STREET; NOTLEY'S DRIVE; SEASHORE LANE; AND POTTER'S LANE.	187

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15.	PINSENT'S ARM: THE COMMUNITY OF PINSENT'S ARM.	48
16.	CHARLOTTETOWN: THE TOWN OF CHARLOTTETOWN INCLUDING AIRPORT BOULEVARD; CADWELLS LANE; CAMPBELLS LANE; FOREST ACCESS ROAD; HARBOURVIEW DRIVE; HILLSIDE DRIVE; HILLTOP LANE; MAIN STREET; MARINE DRIVE (NO HOUSES); OCEANVIEW LANE; POND ROAD; ROUTE 512; AND SCHOOL HOUSE LANE.	228
17.	NORMAN'S BAY: THE COMMUNITY OF NORMAN'S BAY.	30
18.	BLACK TICKLE AND DOMINO: THE COMMUNITIES OF BLACK TICKLE AND DOMINO.	153
19.	CARTWRIGHT: MAIN ROAD.	169
20.	CARTWRIGHT: AIRSTRIP ROAD; BACK ROAD; BASE ROAD; BLACKHEAD HILL (NO HOUSES); BURDETT'S BROOK; CLARK'S LANE; DYSON'S LANE; FLAGSTAFF LANE; LOW ROAD; M.O.T. ROAD; LETHBRIDGE LANE; PARADISE EXTENSION; PITTMAN'S LANE; POINT ROAD; AND WILLOW LANE.	232
21.	PARADISE RIVER: THE COMMUNITY OF PARADISE RIVER.	11

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