

voted for him, for they could find no one who would oppose him on behalf of the Tory party. His only opposition was Valentine Winkler of Morden, the father of the present M.P. for Lisgar, who afterwards was the Minister of Agriculture in the Norris Administration.

The official Liberal party was more bitterly opposed to Richardson than if he had been a Conservative and one of their prominent workers was heard to declare that he would do anything in his power to defeat "that ~~xxx~~ traitor, Richardson, even if he had to beg his dinner from the school children and sleep in the shelter of a barb wire fence".

Hon Thomas Greenway was most bitter in his opposition. At an organization meeting held in Crystal City he declared to the delegates, "With the help of Providence we will defeat that traitor."

However, Providential aid did not seem to be forthcoming for R.L. was elected by a good majority even though his campaign fund was financed by his own resources and the contributions of individual supporters.

The sequel to Mr Greenway's appeal to Providence came the following year. Because of a technical infraction of the Election Act Richardson was unseated but was not disqualified. Early in 1902 a by-election was held which was probably the hottest by-election ever held in Canada. The Laurier Administration was then at the peak of its power and had just won several spectacular victories in other constituencies.

Hon Clifford was then at his best and he was determined to add to his prestige by carrying Lisgar.