

THE CANDIDATES.

Two candidates, Mr. Leighton G. McCarthy and Major J. A. Currie, are now before the electors of North Simcoe. The former has represented the riding for the past six years and has a highly creditable political record, while the latter is an unknown quantity in the political life of North Simcoe. Mr. McCarthy, during his term of office has carefully and studiously looked after the interests of his constituents, this being especially true of those in the town of Collingwood. In the larger field where matters of interest to the Dominion have been discussed it has been noticeable that he has always associated with those who promoted a policy of progression. Judged by his work he may be truly called, a progressionist.

In connection with the improvement of our harbor Mr. McCarthy has never missed an opportunity to promote our interests. During his term of office he has been most persistent in pressing upon the Government our claims, with what results is well known. During the past six years he has secured very large grants of money, the total amount equalling the whole spent in the thirty years previous. These have been expended carefully and judiciously with the result that to-day the work is well advanced and at the present time the Collingwood harbor is capable of floating the largest freight carriers on the Great Lakes. The channel, which was formerly narrow and shallow has been widened and deepened to an average depth of twenty feet from the outside to the docks, thus enabling steamers to enter with the greatest safety.

Following up his good work in this direction Mr. McCarthy took hold of the proposition relating to the construction of a new wharf, which it must be admitted is sadly needed. For a time it is true he met with discouragements, but he believed the interests of his constituents demanded the wharf and he kept persistently pressing the matter upon the Government. What is the result? Only a couple of weeks ago he secured the promise of the Minister of Public Works that the docks would be built, and that the plans and specifications would be prepared and tenders asked for immediately.

Can the Conservatives boast that their candidate has done any such good work towards improving the harbor? They cannot, and surely they cannot honestly be desirous of defeating a member who has done so much to promote the welfare and interest of Collingwood and the surrounding country. Surely the gratitude of the citizens cannot be so low as to lead them to fall into line with the few partisans in town who remain in control of the destinies of the once great party.