

**REPORT**

**ON THE**

**BY-ELECTION**

**IN THE**

**CONSTITUENCY OF  
ST. MICHAEL NORTH WEST**

**HELD ON**

**4 DECEMBER, 1996**



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**Issue of Writ**

In accordance with the provision of Section 47 (2) of the Barbados Constitution, the Governor General on Friday, 8 November, 1996 issued a Writ to fill the vacancy in the House of Assembly caused by the resignation of Mr. Lawson Weekes, Member of Parliament for the Constituency of St. Michael North West. The Writ appointed 18 November, 1996 and 4 December, 1996 as Nomination Day and Polling Day, respectively.

2. The Governor-General in accordance with the provision of Section 18 (1) of the Representation of the People Act, Cap. 12 declared the period ending 27 November, 1996 as the special electoral registration period.

**Appointment of Election Officials**

3. Mr. Andrew S. Jones acting Assistant Chief Electoral Officer was appointed Deputy Supervisor of Elections. Mr. Winston Estwick and Mr. Easton Headley were appointed Returning Officer and Election Clerk respectively. A complete list of other election officials is set out at Appendix A.

**Notice of Election**

4. The Notice of Election was published in the Official Gazette of 8 November, 1996, and the Nation and Barbados Advocate Newspapers on Saturday 9 November, 1996 in accordance with the provisions of Rule 2 of the Rules for Conduct of House of Assembly Elections.

**Publication of the Revised Register of Electors and Register for Elections**

5. In accordance with the provisions of Section 18 (1) (b) of the Representation of the People Act Cap. 12, the Revised Register of Electors was published on 9 November, 1996 and comprised six thousand, six hundred and seventy-four (6 674) electors.

6. The Revising Centres established under Regulation 35 (3) of the Representation of the People (Registration of Electors) Regulations 1990 were located as follows:-

- i. St. Stephen's Nursery School
- ii. Deacons Primary School

Those centres were opened to the public from Monday 11 November to Monday 18 November, 1996.

7. In accordance with Regulation 35A of the Representation of the People (Registration of Electors) Regulations 1990 the last date for the receipt of claims was fixed as Friday 15 November, 1996 while Monday 18 November, 1996 was fixed as the last date for the receipt of objections.

8. Lists setting out the names of persons who filed claims were prepared daily and made available for inspection by members of the public. One hundred and eighty-five (185) Claims were made all of which were entered in the appropriate Register for the Constituency of St. Michael North West.

9. There were forty-three (43) Objections filed, of which twenty-two (22) were successful, seven (7) were disallowed while fourteen (14) of those objected to were allowed to remain on the Register because of insufficient information.

10. The Register for Elections was published on Thursday 28 November, 1996 and comprised six thousand, seven hundred and sixty-three (6 763) electors.

#### **Nomination Day**

11. The following two candidates were duly nominated to contest the election:-

- i. Mr. Clyde Athelbert Mascoll,  
Weekes Land, Goodland, St. Michael.
- ii. Mr. Mark Zachariah Williams,  
Lot 2, Apt 1 Wanstead Gardens, St. James.

Mr. Mascoll appointed Mr. Derek Alleyne of Kellman Land, Black Rock, St. Michael as his Election Agent but on 29 November, 1996 he revoked that appointment and appointed Mr. Branford Taitt of Stanmore Crescent, Black Rock, St. Michael as his Election Agent. Mr. Williams appointed Mr. Charles A. Harvey of Ashdeane Village, Black Rock, St. Michael as his Election Agent.

#### **Polling Stations**

12. The buildings selected as Polling Stations within the Constituency were as follows:-

**Polling District****Location**

HA1	Carlton Club House
HA2	St. Stephen's Nursery School
HA3	St. Stephen's Primary School
HA4	Ellerslie Secondary School
HA5	Pentecostal Church, Cave Hill
HB1	Deacons Primary School
HB2	Community Sports Club, Deacons Road
HB3	Texaco Sports Club
HC1	Church of Christ, Black Rock
HC2	Eagle Hall Primary School

**Election Circulars**

13. In an effort to ensure that all electors within the Constituency were fully aware of the locations of their respective stations, a computerised circular was sent to each elector providing the necessary information.

**Polling Day Proceedings**

14. In accordance with the provisions of Rule 12 (2) of the House of Assembly Rules, polling began at 6.00 a.m. and ended at 6.00 p.m..

15. Polling was orderly throughout the day.

16. Two of the rooms at the Community Centre on Deacons Road proved inadequate for use as Polling Stations and other arrangements would have to be made for polling in that Polling District in the future.

17. After the close of the poll buses from the Transport Board were used to provide transportation for the Election Officers from the Polling Stations to the Counting Centre. That system proved efficient and all the ballot boxes arrived at the Counting Centre in good time.

18. The counting of votes began at 8.00 p.m. on 4 December, 1996 and ended at 11.00 p.m. the same day, when the result of the Poll was announced. The result of the Poll was as follows:-

Mr. Clyde A. Mascoll of the Democratic Labour Party received two thousand and fourteen (2 014) votes, while Mr. Mark Z. Williams of the Barbados Labour Party polled one thousand, five hundred and ninety-three (1 593) votes. There were twenty-two (22) rejected ballot papers.

Mr. Clyde A. Mascoll was declared and duly certified to be the member elected to serve in the House of Assembly for the Constituency of St. Michael North West.

### **Storage of Election Documents**

19. The documents have been stored with the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of Rule 56 (2) of the House of Assembly Rules.

### **Return of Election Expenses**

20. The returns of Election Expenses were filed within the statutory period set out in Section 52 (1) of the Act. Each candidate was allowed to incur expenses up to a maximum of \$6 763.00 in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 (2) of the Act.

21. The following is a summary of the candidates election expenses:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Date of Receipt</u>	<u>Date Delivered To Registrar</u>
Mr. Clyde A. Mascoll	\$4 202.00	1997-01-22	1977-01-23
Mr. Mark Z. Williams	\$3 692.26	1997-01-17	1997-01-20

### **Election Statistics**

22. Tables 1 to 5 present in some detail the election results:-

- a. the number and percentage of votes cast for the parties;
- b. votes cast for individual candidates by party;
- c. registered voters and votes cast by gender;
- d. the number of registered voters, the number who voted, together with the percentage and the number of rejected ballot papers;
- e. statement showing number of votes cast and the percentage for the political parties.

### **Cost of the Election**

23. It is estimated that the cost of the By-Election will be approximately ninety-four thousand, five hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$94 575.00). An analysis of that total is set out below:-



<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure</u>
	\$
Election Officers	16 515.00
Police and Island Constables	3 000.00
Stationery and Supplies	2 000.00
Publication of Notices	10 000.00
Rental of Polling Stations	1 800.00
Marking of Roads	200.00
Lighting and Preparation of Polling Stations and Counting Centre	4 300.00
Transportation and Travelling	6 400.00
Overtime	27 000.00
Election Circulars	5 600.00
Miscellaneous	17 760.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>94 575.00</u></b>

### Returning Officer's Report on Proceedings

24. Comments made by Mr. Winston Estwick, Returning Officer at paragraphs 13 to 15 of his report were as follows:-

“13. A check of the Presiding Officers' Ballot Paper Accounts for the seventeen (17) Polling Stations in this Constituency disclosed that:  
All their Ballot Paper Accounts were correct”.

“14. Discipline

- |    |                           |        |
|----|---------------------------|--------|
| a. | At Nomination:            | Good   |
| b. | At Polling Stations:      | Good   |
| c. | At the Counting of Votes: | Good”. |

“15. Observations as to the state of the election papers as received from the Presiding Officers: In Order”.

### Acknowledgment

25. Sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the Director and Staff of the Data Processing Department, The Manager and staff of the Government Printery; the Commissioner of Police; the Government Electrical Engineer; the Supervisor, Emergency Services; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Works and the staff of the Electoral Department for their assistance and co-operation.

1997-05-30

HENSLEY H. ROBINSON  
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

## APPENDIX "A"

**BY-ELECTION - ST. MICHAEL NORTH WEST**  
**LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS - PRESIDING OFFICERS**

<b>POLLING DISTRICT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
HA1	Carlton Sports Club	Mr. Clarence Thompson, Brighton Terrace, Black Rock, St. Michael.
HA2	St. Stephen's Nursery School	Mr. Casper Francis, St. Stephen's Hill, St. Michael.
HA3	St. Stephen's Primary School	Ms. Yvette Bascombe, 35 Meadowvale Heights, Prior Park, St. James.  Mr. Anthony Greaves, Upper Carlton, St. James.
HA4	Ellerslie Secondary School	Mr. Charles Vaughan, Stanmore Terrace, Black Rock, St. Michael.  Mr. Nicholas Vaughan, Stanmore Terrace, Black Rock, St. Michael.
HA5	Pentecostal Church Cave Hill	Mr. David Jordan, Clerview Heights, St. James.

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME
HB1	Deacons Primary School	<p>Ms. Cecile Clarke, Brandons, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Patricia Hunte, 1st Avenue Birds River, Deacons Road, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Michelle Bayley, 4D Ferniehurst, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p>
HB2	Community Sports Club, Deacons Road	<p>Ms. Carolyn Hunte, 2nd Avenue Birds River, Deacons Road, St. Michael.</p> <p>Mr. Ivor Haynes, Brewster Road, Barbarees Hill, St. Michael.</p> <p>Mr. Rupert Greaves, 2nd Avenue Redmans Road, Deacons Road, St. Michael.</p>
HB3	Texaco Sports Club	Ms. Angela Austin, 1st Avenue Spring Garden, St. Michael.
HC1	Central Church of Christ, Black Rock	<p>Ms. Eldora Carew, Bridge Gap, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Margo Durant, 261 West Terrace, St. James.</p>
HC2	Eagle Hall Primary School	Mr. Vincent Bullen, Crawford Land, Bridge Gap, Black Rock, St. Michael.

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**BY-ELECTION - ST. MICHAEL NORTH WEST**  
**LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS - POLL CLERKS**

<b>POLLING DISTRICT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
HA1	Carlton Sports Club	<p>Ms. Jennifer Carrington, Dears Land, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Ashelle Griffith, Dears Land, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p>
HA2	St. Stephen's Nursery School	<p>Ms. Maureen Alleyne, Nr. Stanmore Lodge, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Maureen Prescod, Boyce Road, Free Hill, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p>
HA3	St. Stephen's Primary School	<p>Ms. Janice Nicholas, Rock Road, Free Hill, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Elizabeth Jones, 5 Free Hill, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Gloria Crichlow, 18 Golden Acre, St. Stephens, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Maxine Williams, Free Hill, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p>

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME
HA4	Ellerslie Secondary School	<p>Mr. Shawn Parris, Halton, St. John.</p> <p>Ms. Patricia Searles, Nr. Stanmore Lodge, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p> <p>Mr. Sherwin Prescod, Boyce Road, Free Hill, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Felicia Walrond, Back Ivy, St. Michael.</p>
HA5	Pentecostal Church, Cave Hill	<p>Ms. Shawn Agard, 26 Dover Crescent, Cave Hill, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Covellé Hurley, Phillips Road, Cave Hill, St. Michael.</p>

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME
HB1	Deacons Primary School	<p>Mr. Lionel Austin, Country Road, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Lisa Cobham, Brandons, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. June Edwards, Holders Land, Brandons, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Valmay Stapleton, 3rd Avenue Holders Land, St. Michael.</p> <p>Mr. Tyrone Harper, Holders Land, Brandons, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Carnetta Olton, 2nd Avenue Spring Garden, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p>

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME
HB2	Community Sports Club, Deacons Road	<p>Ms. Claniece Phillips, Evelyn Terrace, Golf Club Rd, Christ Church.</p> <p>Ms. Michelle Carter, 8D Neptune Road, Deacons Farm, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Shirley Norris, Block 1B, Ivy Housing Area, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Miranda Manning, Marine Square, Westbury Road, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Harriett Grant, 9F Rosemont, Deacons Road, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Barbara Layne, 6A Rosemont, Deacons Road, St. Michael.</p>
HB3	Texaco Sports Club	<p>Ms. Allison Millington, 2nd Avenue Pickwick Gap, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Ella Nowell, Danesbury, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p>

POLLING DISTRICT	LOCATION	NAME
HC1	Central Church of Christ, Black Rock	<p>Ms. Sandra Gibson, New Land, Bridge Gap, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Jennifer Williams, St. Stephen's Hill, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Jacqueline Blenman, 71 Deacons Court, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Barbara Bullen, Crawford Land, Black Rock, St. Michael.</p>
HC2	Eagle Hall Primary School	<p>Ms. Pamela Crichlow, 12J Deacons Farm, St. Michael.</p> <p>Ms. Cynthia Greaves, Farmers, St. Thomas.</p>
	Floating Clerk	<p>Ms. Jacqueline Jordan, 21 Patience Drive, Eden Lodge, St. Michael.</p>



## APPENDIX "A"

**BY-ELECTION - ST. MICHAEL NORTH WEST**  
**LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS - COUNTING ASSISTANTS**

COUNTING CENTRE	NAME
Ellerslie Secondary School	Mr. Sean Agard, 26 Dover Crescent, Cave Hill, St. Michael.
	Mr. Osbert Bascombe, Seclusion Gardens, Black Rock, St. Michael.
	Ms. Phyllis Britton, Simmons Land, Fairfield, St. Michael.
	Ms. Sharon Britton-Ramsay, 9E Rosemont, Deacons Road, St. Michael.
	Ms. Jacqueline Clarke, 115 Evergreen Drive, Wotton, Christ Church.
	Mr. Michael Greaves, Farmers, St. Thomas.
	Mr. Arthur Parris, Halton, St. John.
	Ms. Catherine Phillips, Salisbury, St. George.
	Ms. Sandra Stoute, 2 Durham Close, Grazettes, St. Michael.

TABLE 1

**BY-ELECTION - ST. MICHAEL NORTH WEST****NUMBER OF AND PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST BY PARTY**

	<b>BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY</b>		<b>DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY</b>			
<b>CONSTITUENCY</b>	<b>NO. OF VOTES</b>	<b>PER- CENT- AGE</b>	<b>NO. OF VOTES</b>	<b>PER- CENT- AGE</b>	<b>TOTAL VALID VOTES CAST</b>	<b>REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS</b>
St. Michael North West	1,593	44.2	2,014	55.8	3,607	22

TABLE 2

**VOTES CAST FOR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES BY PARTY**

CONSTITUENCY	NAME	PARTY	VOTES CAST
St. Michael North West	Mr. Clyde A. Mascoll	Democratic Labour Party	2,014
	Mr. Mark Z. Williams	Barbados Labour Party	1,593

TABLE 3

**REGISTERED VOTERS AND VOTES CAST BY GENDER**

CONSTITUENCY	NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS			NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO VOTED			PERCENT- AGE
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	
St. Michael North West	3,175	3,588	6,763	1,640	1,989	3,629	53.6

TABLE 4

## CONSTITUENCY OF ST. MICHAEL NORTH WEST - BY-ELECTION

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS, THE NUMBER WHO VOTED TOGETHER WITH THE PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS

POLLING STATION	NUMBER OF ELECTORS						PER-CENT-AGE	NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR			
	ON REGISTER OF ELECTORS		WHO CAST THEIR VOTES					MASCOLL	WILLIAMS	TOTAL VALID VOTES CAST	REJECTED BALLOT PAPERS
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE					
HA1	475	215	260	220	97	123	134	85	219	1	
HA2	493	213	280	248	109	139	137	110	247	1	
HA3	846	400	446	434	203	231	241	192	433	1	
HA4	657	310	347	329	152	177	179	147	326	1	
HA5	402	186	216	208	94	114	75	133	208	3	
HB1	1,135	565	570	643	296	347	388	253	641	0	
HB2	1,023	471	552	563	240	323	325	232	557	2	
HB3	301	147	154	148	71	77	62	85	147	6	
HC1	963	432	531	557	237	320	292	262	554	1	
HC2	468	236	232	279	141	138	181	94	275	3	
TOTAL	6,763	3,175	3,588	3,629	1,640	1,989	2,014	1,593	3,607	22	

**TABLE 5**

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST AND THE  
PERCENTAGE FOR THE POLITICAL PARTIES**

<b>TOTAL VALID VOTES CAST</b>	<b>BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY</b>		<b>DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY</b>	
	<b>NO. OF VOTES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>NO. OF VOTES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
3,607	1,593	44.2	2,014	55.8



