

New riding dooms cabinet minister



CLEARY

Cabinet member Noble Villeneuve paid the price for fewer seats at Queen's Park.

The agriculture minister tumbled to three-term Cornwall Grit MPP John Cleary in the new riding of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh.

The riding is a half-and-half amalgamation of Cornwall and the surrounding rural area. Going into the campaign,

Cleary had about 60% of his constituents in the new riding.

"I've represented Cornwall for more than 12 years now, and was 15 years in municipal council in the other riding. What I do is put people first, and I've bucked the trend three times in a row now," Cleary said.

"When you win big in 1995 and the re-

jigging brings you down to what it is now, what can I tell you," said Villeneuve, who was first elected in Stormont-Dundas in 1983.

— Ruthanne Urquhart

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Ian Campbell (NL)	329
John Cleary (LIB)	20,054
Maggie MacDonald (NDP)	2,247
Noble Villeneuve (PC)	19,492

(208 of 208 polls reporting)

