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A CONSERVATIVE VICTORY

The Federal election yesterday resulted in the triumph of the Conservative party led by Hon. Richard B. Bennett, K. C., a native son of New Brunswick and the overwhelming defeat of the Liberal government led by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King which has held office almost continuously since January 1922. The result of the poll fully justifies the forecast made last week by Col. McRae, the astute chief organizer of the Conservative party. He predicted that Hon. Mr. Bennett would have at least 134 supporters in the next Parliament and it is believed when complete returns are in from the scattered western constituencies that his total will reach 137. This will give him the substantial majority of 28 over all other groups in Parliament after a speaker has been chosen from the government ranks.

While every province did nobly for Hon. Mr. Bennett, Quebec, which has for thirteen years returned almost a solid Liberal bloc to the House, furnished the big surprise of the campaign. In 1926 Quebec returned only four Conservatives to Ottawa, while yesterday the number was increased to 24, with two seats still in doubt. This is almost a repetition of what happened in Quebec in the reciprocity election of 1911 when it returned 27 Conservatives to Parliament and brought about the defeat of the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. A racial appeal of Premier Tashereau, at the last moment failed to stem the tide in Quebec, which he must have felt was running strongly against the government. Hon. Mr. Bennett by smashing the Quebec bloc has struck a blow for greater unity of Canadians of different racial origin.

The great province of Ontario did not do as well for Hon. Mr. Bennett as was intimated by advance notices. In all 70 seats were claimed there for the Conservatives, but the total is not likely to exceed 60, which however is a gain over the last representation, and is sufficient for all practical purposes.

While all three Maritime Provinces gave Hon. Mr. Bennett a generous support, New Brunswick with 10 seats out of 11 certainly carried off the palm. The only one to escape a deluge was Postmaster General Veniot, who will return to Ottawa deprived of his portfolio, shorn of his prestige and whatever influence he may have had.

In Nova Scotia Hon. J. L. Ralston, a man held in respect by both parties was re-elected along with his two supporters in the last Parliament and made a gain in Colchester, about the last seat in the Maritimes where either party expected there would be a change.

In Prince Edward Island, Hon. Cyrus McMillan, a new Cabinet minister, went down to defeat in Queens along with his colleague. A solitary Liberal was returned on the Island, and will probably share an opposition desk with a lonesome Liberal from New Brunswick.

The Conservatives seem to have lost a few seats in British Columbia, where the Australian treaty probably cut some figure, but made gains in all of the prairie provinces.

The battle is over and the victory won and in the course of a few weeks a new administration will take over the control of the affairs of the country. Born in the east and a resident of the west, Hon. Mr. Bennett is well qualified for the post of Prime Minister. He has abundant material from which to choose colleagues and he can be counted upon to form a strong cabinet which will wisely administer the affairs of the country. The people have given Hon. Mr. Bennett a chance with the firm conviction that he will make good his pledge and give Canada a chance.

MR. HANSON'S VICTORY

The constituency of York-Sunbury yesterday returned Richard B. Hanson, K. C., to Parliament by a majority of about 5,500, the largest he has ever received. Yesterday Mr. Hanson ran his fifth contested election in a period of little more than nine years. He was first elected in May, 1921 at a by-election by a majority of 947 over Ernest W. Stairs, a farmer candidate. The House was dissolved in the following summer and he was, of course, not permitted to take his seat. In the election in the following December he had for an opponent, the late Col. J. W. Osborne, and won out by a majority of 866. In the election of 1925 he was opposed by C. R. Hawkins, and won by a majority of 5499. In the campaign of 1926 he was opposed by P. J. Hughes, K. C., and was elected by a majority of 3992.

Except for a few weeks during the session of 1926, following the defeat of the Liberal Government in the House, Mr. Hanson has always sat in the cool shades of Opposition. He has proved himself a very energetic and useful member and stands high in the councils of his party. He will now go to the Ottawa as a supporter of a strong government and it is needless to say that the interests of his large constituency, which have been sadly neglected for some years by the government, will receive very useful and well deserved attention. The good old constituency of York-Sunbury saw which way the wind was blowing yesterday and voted accordingly.

Mr. Hanson is certainly to be congratulated on York-Sunbury's overwhelming display of perfect confidence in his ability and integrity, as recorded at the polls yesterday.

Max Cornier, of Edmundston, who has been an unsuccessful candidate in many hard fought political contests is the new member for Restigouche-Madawaska. His victory yesterday when he turned a Liberal majority of 2133, recorded in 1926 into a minority of 800, was one of the most remarkable achieved yesterday by any candidate in the Maritime Provinces.

Ten Conservative seats in New Brunswick and one for the Liberals. Postmaster General Veniot appears to have almost tied the remarkable record made in the election of 1925 when Hon. W. E. Foster, another great political genius, posed as provincial Liberal leader for a brief period. Mr. Foster carried Gloucester only, but the majority was somewhat larger than that recorded yesterday.

Two eminent political has-beens, Hon. A. B. Copp, and Hon. W. E. Foster, now members of the Senate had charge of the Liberal organization in the southern part of the province. It is scarcely likely that they will receive any congratulatory messages from Ottawa or elsewhere on the success of their efforts on behalf of the government.

Ex-Sheriff Arsenault won a great victory for the Conservatives yesterday by redeeming the county of Kent. He resigned the office of sheriff to enter the fight and the provincial government promptly filled the vacancy, realizing no doubt that the late incumbent would have important business at Ottawa for the next five years.

George M. McDade, described by his opponents as a native of St. John and a protege of Premier Baxter achieved a remarkable victory in Northumberland in yesterday's election. This majority over G. Percy Burchill, admittedly a strong candidate was in excess of two thousand. Hats off to George McDade.

Postmaster General Veniot was told by Premier King at the beginning of the recent campaign to confine his efforts to the north Shore counties. He followed instructions, but made such a mess of things that he lost three seats for the government in the north and came within an ace of losing his own.

It almost looks as if the counties of Kent, Madawaska and even Gloucester are already showing signs of repentance of their verdict rendered in the provincial election last month. They were fooled on that occasion, but could not be fooled a second time.

Charles J. Morrissey, ex-M. P. for Northumberland, and S. Blanchard, ex-M. P. for Restigouche-Madawaska turned down at their party convention by order of Peter the Postmaster, must be laughing up their sleeves today. They certainly did have their revenge on the north shore dictator.

The Conservative party won in Kent and Restigouche-Madawaska yesterday without promising the people wine and beer parlors. In the Provincial election the people of those counties were fooled and have apparently found it out.

It is safe to say that some interesting messages were exchanged today between Senators Foster and Copp on the one hand and Postmaster General Veniot on the other. It is safe to say that they were not of a congratulatory nature.

An earthquake approximately two thousand miles distant from New York was recorded today at Fordham University. It was simply an echo of the landslide which buried the Liberal Government at Ottawa.

As the Mail frequently pointed out during the late campaign, the Liberals of New Brunswick have for a number of years been led by men whom they should have driven.

Dr. O. B. Price, who has represented the noble county of Westmorland in Parliament since 1925, came back yesterday with a majority of nearly three thousand. The doctor is sure some campaigner.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, will be the leader of the Liberal group from New Brunswick in the next Parliament and of course will sit in opposition.

Hon. P. J. Veniot emerged from the contest in the county of Gloucester with a majority of less than 300. In 1926 his majority was 1659.

The people of New Brunswick yesterday stood nobly by a worthy son of the province.

Ten good men and true from New Brunswick will set behind Premier Bennett in the next Parliament.

The windbag politician seems to be pretty well played out in New Brunswick.

Who struck Billy Patterson?

EX-DECK HAND LOSES MILLION IN STOCK CRASH

New York, July 29—The story of a \$40 a month deckhand who amassed a fortune of more than \$1,500,000 in Wall Street, only to lose all but \$144,861 in the stock market crash last October was revealed today in the Jersey City chancery court.

The former deckhand, John E. Van Wie of East Orange, recently asked Vice-Chancellor, John J. Fallon to reduce the \$18,000 annual alimony he has been paying his divorced wife, Lella on the ground that since the stock market collapsed and the loss of his fortune, the alimony payments have become a hardship.

Today, after Samuel Stern, master in chancery, reported that Mr. Van Wie's holdings are worth exactly \$144,861.37 and that his income therefrom is only \$9739.05, Vice-Chancellor Fallon ordered the alimony payments reduced from the original \$1500 a month, to \$300 a month. In granting the reduction the vicechancellor said that "Mrs. Van Wie will have to give up caviar and partridge and go back to corn beef and cabbage."

DIED

PATTERSON—Entered into rest at her home in Lincoln, Mary Ann Patterson, aged 86 years.

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\$12,500,000 REJECTED FOR HOUSE

London, July 29—Norfolk House, home of the Duke of Norfolk in St. James' Square and birthplace of George L. Is for sale, but \$12,250,000 was made at auction. Then it was announced that private offers were higher and the auction was cancelled. The house is 200 years old.

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