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SATURDAY'S CONVENTION.

It is not a matter for great surprise that a large and fairly representative convention of the Conservatives of York-Sunbury on Saturday should have tendered a unanimous nomination to Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., who has had the honor of representing this constituency in the last Parliament. While Mr. Hanson has only been in public life four and one half years this will be his third election. He contested his first election in May, 1921, as a supporter of the Meighen Government, and had for an opponent Mr. Ernest W. Stairs, who ran as a Progressive with the support of the Liberals. Mr. Stairs put up a clean and manly fight, and while he was weak in the urban centres the rural districts gave him a wonderful support. Although elected by a majority in the vicinity of one thousand Mr. Hanson was not destined to take his seat in the House as the session was over by the time he was gazetted and dissolution came before the end of the year. At the election of December, 1921, Mr. Hanson was opposed by the late Col. W. J. Osborne, a very worthy man, who while he came only within some nine hundred votes of winning, secured the greatest vote ever polled by a Liberal in either York or Sunbury. We are free to admit that when Mr. Hanson ran his first two elections he was without political sins, and the issue at stake was based largely on the policy of the two great parties. The rural sections of the constituency gave him no mandate, but he urban districts did rally strongly to his support, and enabled him to roll up a snug majority although it was much smaller than the Conservative majority in some previous elections when the women did not enjoy the privilege of the franchise. If the election which takes place on October 29th were to be conducted in York-Sunbury on the same issues as prevailed in 1921, and providing the Liberals had in the field a candidate as strong and energetic as the late Col. Osborne, Mr. Hanson would have a battle royal on his hands, and he would have to go some to secure a majority of the votes. However, much water has flowed down the St. John River since Mr. Hanson was last elected to represent the people of York-Sunbury. He has been fairly diligent in the discharge of his parliamentary duties, has promptly attended to all correspondence from friend and foe on matters relating to his constituency, and The Mail is not paying him much of a compliment when we say he has been as capable a representative as this constituency has had in modern times, and has done about all that a member sitting in opposition could do to advance its interests. He was without political sins when he entered Parliament, but we would hardly care to go so far as to say the same of him today. He has given support to a party which stands for a policy of high protection—a policy which cannot possibly confer any material benefit on three quarters of the people of this constituency. If the only weapon Mr. Hanson had today to fight the battle in York-Sunbury was the policy propounded by his leader, we are afraid he would not get far but he has a very powerful weapon not of his own seeking and is in fact thrice armed as a result of the disgraceful guerrilla warfare which has been carried on against him by what is supposed to be a purifying agency of his own party. He has been vilified and slandered beyond the bounds of common decency but instead of doing injury to his political and professional reputation as those responsible for this piece of folly believed would be the case, it has really made him something of a hero. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that Mr. Hanson, through no particular accomplishment or act of his own, is a much more formidable candidate that was the case four years ago. Many of those who were active on the Liberal side in the last provincial election, including a fair sprinkling of rainbow chasers, who labored under the delusion that the political sun rose and set in a certain newspaper office, do not need to be told this. Those who have fought the battle of Liberalism in this constituency in late years have always had an uphill fight, and they will have an uphill fight this time, but we believe their chances for success will improve wonderfully should the political exigencies of the hour, coupled with financial considerations, compel those

who have been sniping at Mr. Hanson to crawl out from behind a barricade of inkpots and meekly rally to his support.

## WE MUST HAVE HYDRO.

The new government of New Brunswick is now installed in office. It has taken over the direction of provincial affairs from a body of men, who, during a prolonged period of unstable business conditions and shifting values, proved themselves in every way worthy of the people's confidence. They set a standard for progressive legislation, which won them recognition and admiration throughout the Dominion. It now devolves upon Premier Baxter to fulfill the expectations of his supporters and to justify his sweeping majority in the late election by giving, if possible, an even better administration than his predecessors; for that must have been what the people had in view when they decided that a change was necessary. In any case he is not hampered by being pledged to any definite policy, for at no time during the election campaign did he commit himself to any definite course of action. Therefore, apart from a stricter enforcement of prohibition, about which, at present, no comment need be made, and a further enquiry into the feasibility of the Grand Falls hydro project, he has a field entirely free of obstructions in which to disport himself.

It was a source of keen disappointment to the followers of ex-Premier Veniot that he was not empowered to proceed immediately with his carefully prepared scheme to supply hydro power at cost to the homes and factories of the Province. His successor, as a man of unquestionable executive ability, whose range of activities has not been restricted to a narrow sphere, cannot fail to realize that the urgent need of his country, as of all countries, is cheap power to promote industrial growth and expansion. Power is the most important asset in the economic life of a nation. Prosperity and increased opportunities for labor are irresistibly drawn to the centres where the machines in factories and workshops can most cheaply be kept in motion. It is the foundation of modern industry, commerce and transportation. It has been the chief determining factor in the world's distribution of economic activities. Fortunately nature has conferred on New Brunswick superior facilities in regard to this basic need. It only remains for the people to turn them to their own advantage.

Political policies are being much discussed at the present time. Conservatives and Liberals, according to their own viewpoints, are earnestly striving to restore permanent prosperity to the Dominion and to bring the nine Provinces together in one increasing purpose of national solidarity. But the destiny of Canada can never be worked out by politics alone, for, transcending all else in importance, is the ability of her native sons in all sections to convert their natural resources into marketable wealth. Cheap power is a matter of life or death to New Brunswick's industrial future. It alone can open up a new chapter in the history of its hitherto tardy development. Perhaps a prolonged enquiry will not be necessary for Premier Baxter to recognize this glaring fact.

Apart from the question of party politics it must be very gratifying to many Canadians to see a young man of the splendid type of Mr. Vincent Massey, stepping forward ready to take his share in the work of grappling with the national problems which confront Canada. Mr. Massey has entered the cabinet of Hon. MacKenzie King without portfolio and will stand for an Ontario constituency. He has set an example which it is to be sincerely hoped that other men of both sides of politics with large business interests at stake, will endeavor to emulate.

## Banns Were Published.

At St. Dunstan's Church on Sunday the banns of marriage of Lillian Virginia Westwood of Marissa, Ill., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Westwood, and Walter F. L. Lawlor son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawlor of this city were published. Mr. Lawlor is with the Illinois Central Railway. The wedding is to take place early next month.

## Cars in Collision.

The cars of J. W. Briggs of Ripples and E. C. Atkinson of this city were in collision Saturday afternoon between four and five o'clock each sustaining damage. A car driven by Miss Kinghorn also was in collision with that driven by W. Young of Marysville.

Frank Gallagher of Montreal is spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gallagher, Northumberland Street.

## REGISTRATION AT UNIV. OF N. B. LARGEST EVER

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Mary Shea, Fredericton, Catholic, Arts.

Christopher Shorten, Fredericton, Anglican, Elec. Engineering.

Ralph S. Simpson, Fredericton, Anglican, Forestry.

Norman S. Skinner, Saint John, Anglican, Pre-medical Arts.

Carleton R. Slipp, Fredericton, Anglican, Arts.

Deane H. Smith, Lewisville, Westmorland County, United Church, Civil Engineering.

Kilburn K. Smith, Centreville, Baptist, Elec. Engineering.

Wilbur P. Steen, Fredericton, United Church, Science.

W. Donald G. Stratton, Saint John, United Church, Civil Engineering.

J. Marguerite Tomilson, Devon, Anglican, Arts.

**Sophomore Year.**

Katherine A. Cox, Fredericton, Catholic, Arts.

Kenneth C. Mitton, Moncton, Baptist, Special.

Edwin A. Stuart, Fredericton Junction, United Church, Arts.

**Junior Year.**

Albert Larrivee, Mont Joli, Que., Catholic, Civil Engineering.

## SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT GAIETY THEATRE

"The Ten Commandments" is the photoplay at the Gaiety for the first three days of the week.

Cecil B. DeMille has produced a great picture in "The Ten Commandments". Not only is it entitled to a place on the honor roll of the world's screen classics, but in the matter of precedence, it deserves a place very near the top of the list.

In the main story, as it was called on the program, the drama of Mrs. Martha McTavish and her two sons, Rod La Rocque as Dan, the bad son, carried off the tense drama of his downfall with splendid repression. Little behind were Leatrice Joy as Mary Leigh, the woman both brothers loved, and Richard Dix as John, the faithful son, the good boy. Nita Naldi as Sally Lung, the Eurasian, was entirely exotic, and in her make-up suggested everything the director desired that she should suggest even up to the moment when, dying, she tells Dan that he would never get rid of her. The Redding of Robert Edeson and the "mother" of Edythe Chapman were entirely satisfying.

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## Liquor in His Possession.

Liquor Inspector Fraser Saunders this morning arrested a local man on the charge of having liquor in his possession. The accused appeared later before Police Magistrate Limerick and acknowledged the offence. He was remanded for sentence.

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