



Hatfield's rise in politics

From chips to Premier

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SAINT JOHN — Richard Bennett Hatfield, the 39-year-old sandy-haired bachelor who last night upset Premier Louis Robichaud in the New Brunswick provincial election, was first elected to the Legislature in a by-election in June, 1961, after serving as an executive assistant to Gordon Churchill, Trade Minister in the Diefenbaker Government of 1957-58.

The son of the late H. H. Hatfield, member of Parliament for Victoria-Carleton for 12 years, the new Premier served for nine years as vice-president and sales manager of the family's potato chip plant.

He became a protege of former premier, Hugh John Flemming, and after Mr. Flemming resigned as provincial leader to join the Diefenbaker Cabinet as Forestry Minister, the young businessman-lawyer took over the Carleton seat in a June 19, 1961 by-election.

Mr. Hatfield resigned from the family firm in 1967 to devote all his time to politics. In June, 1969, he defeated former provincial leader J. C. (Charlie) Van Horne in a leadership convention that capped a three-year feud which split the party deeply.

He is a graduate of Dalhousie Law School in Halifax and was admitted to the Nova Scotia bar in 1956 and it was after a brief law practice in Halifax that he moved to Ottawa to serve as executive assistant to Mr. Churchill.

Mr. Hatfield appeared to be the logical successor to C. B. Sherwood when he resigned as Conservative leader in 1966 but Mr. Van Horne returned to New Brunswick from California with a blaze of favorable publicity in New Brunswick's five English-language dailies and he swept the convention by a 4-1 margin.

In his manifesto presented earlier this month, Mr. Hatfield put the emphasis on social improvement through economic expansion.

He said the province would be more aggressive in seeking new industry, the 5 per cent provincial sales tax on building materials would be removed and the resource industries would be encouraged to expand. He also said much greater emphasis would be put on the tourist industry which would have its own separate ministry.

He said in his manifesto that a clear commitment has been given to hold the line on taxes "and it will be the objective of a Progressive Conservative Government to reduce the tax burden as soon as possible."

In an interview after he won the provincial leadership last year, Mr. Hatfield, whose low-key image masks a skilful organizer and tactician, said Mr. Robichaud and his Cabinet ministers were intoxicated with arrogance. He referred to the Cabinet ministers and their advisers as "the misfits in power."

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Dear Sir:

The "UNITED APPEAL" in the past two years has received the support of the E.U.S., in their fund raising campaign. This support has been in the form of a race between the engineering classes, in which the various entries in the race have solicited sponsors from the Fredericton area. The proceeds from the campaigning for sponsors have been donated to the UNITED APPEAL. The race itself consists of a number of students pulling a vehicle (usually homemade, of at least two wheels with one rider), the team comprising of individuals from the classes participating.

This year we were informed by the Athletics Department that we would be permitted to run the race on the football

field at half-time show of the UNB - Mt A game. The opportunity to put on a half-time show for the fans was very inspiring to the classes in building the "buggies", and sponsors generally responded favorably to the idea prompted, by the prospect of the race rather than the parade that morning.

We learned Saturday morning that we could not use the field for the race, nor the track around it. Apparently the Athletics Department had decided the field (or track) would be damaged by us, without any prior inspection of our carts. We feel they grossly overestimated the potential danger. While conceding that we are not experts on groundskeeping we're sure that anyone who attended the game will agree that it was a virtual mud-bowl and damage by our karts would

have been highly unlikely. The field will not be the scene of any more major sports events until, at least, spring and we would have gladly settled for the track. We also feel guilty that we did not give our sponsor's their money's worth in advertising. Anyone who knew the race was being held across the street, filed out of the stands to watch but these were few and most of the fans were disappointed at missing the event.

Student apathy in such fund raising events can only be encouraged by such a lack of cooperation.

Signed,
 The Class of E.E. 5

Dear David,

Once again the Brunswickan has knuckled to the thrill of sensationalism at the expense of factual reporting.

The article in October 16th's issue of the Bruns entitled, "The Great Gastronomical Blunder" (I did enjoy the head), can at best be said to be misleading. The impression of the kitchen of McConnell hall gained by the article was one of unsanitary conditions, augmented by an unconcerned staff.

This, however, is not the case. I am a part time employee of Versafood this year, at McConnell Hall, and it is the attention payed to upholding the highest levels of hygiene that impressed me most when I started work. Here are a few examples of some of the measures taken to insure cleanliness. The floors of the kitchen, dish room and serving areas are thoroughly washed after every meal. Garbage, mops, pails etc. are stored in a refrigerated room, away from the areas where dishes are washed and food is prepared and served. Table work areas are covered with a layer of brown paper (like a butcher would use to wrap meat) and is changed several times a day. The staff receive fresh linens to wear daily. There is no smoking permitted in the dish room or kitchen. Plates are carefully examined as they come out of the dish washer and if any food partic-

les remain, they are hand-washed, and run through for another cycle. The list goes on, but I am sure you get the idea.

The staff is clean and neat, and surprisingly cooperative, when one is to consider the strain that is put on them to feed eight hundred hungry people in less than two hours. I am quite sure that no "sores about the hands" will be found among those who handle the

Surely these are not the conditions that you have classified as being "sub-standard"? I would like to see another public eating place that could exhibit better standards of hygiene.

The episode of the gravy is indeed unfortunate, as many staff members (myself included) found out - the hard way. However, something of this nature is very difficult to detect before-hand, and most difficult to detect later. Incidentally, the accusation made that the beef may have been the cause of the dilemma was false. The beef was checked, and found to be alright. Mr. Smith, the manager at McConnell Hall, posted an apology to the students, which I know to be sincere.

There were many hasty and false accusations made in that article, and I feel that the Brunswickan owes an apology to Versafood, and the staff of McConnell Hall.

Sincerely,
 Daniel W. McVicker

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