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Mr. Borden's Platform

The Conservative party is no longer seeking the living among the dead. Mr. Borden has enunciated a policy preserving the best traditions of Conservatism, but adequate to the needs of Canada under the changed conditions from that which prevailed previous to the last decade.

Government papers subsidized from the public treasury must without choice deny the whole sixteen clauses of the platform laid down by the Conservative leader in his Halifax speech, and a portion of the independent press may be disappointed in some respects, but even without that elaboration of policy which is sure to follow the first announcement, there is a wide choice between what Mr. Borden offers the people of Canada, and that which is handed out today in the name of Liberalism.

Even considering Mr. Borden's announcements from a western standpoint, which is perhaps the narrowest aspect, what will appeal to us more than "a thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the civil service?" We do not like to be forever talking political scandal, yet what a record the Hansard of the last two sessions is?

With regard to the public domain and national franchises, Mr. Borden's policy is not vague. If the country is paying the price for railways, the people of Canada should have a share of the stock.

The operation of government roads by an independent commission is only an advanced form of management, and this is a very laudable proposal.

Outside of the Hudson's Bay railway project our transportation question is wrapped up in the problem of our Canadian waterways. The more railways which are built west of the lakes the more business will be created and the greater the congestion at the lake terminals.

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