

Conservative Platform, 1899

That the alarming condition of the finances of the Province demands the introduction of such economical methods of administration as will re-establish the equilibrium between receipts and expenditure.

That the present onerous franchise law be repealed, and that an equitable Act, based on the principles of manhood suffrage and one man one vote, be enacted.

That the alien law be strictly enforced.

The encouragement of an immigration policy that will secure to the Province her portion of a desirable class of European immigrants, as well as those from the older Provinces of Canada and the United States, but reject the wholesale importation of undesirable immigrants from Southern Europe.

That the affairs of the Province be administered on business-like principles, without regard to political considerations, especially in so far as our educational system is concerned, which should be absolutely freed from party politics by the establishment of an independent board of education.

That the Province have control of the School lands and the proceeds of the sales of all lands that have been sold or will be sold in the near future, to be used only for the purpose of supplementing the ordinary school grant as given from year to year.

That the proper administration of justice, including the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners in B. R. and other officers of justice, be from representative men, independent of politics.

That the Province, providing its revenue is sufficient for the purposes, establish and main an agricultural college, also a technical school at which mechanics and others may receive practical training.

The adoption of the principle of government ownership of railways, in so far as the circumstances of the Province will admit, and the adoption of the principle that no bonuses should be granted to any railway company which does not give the Government of the Province the control of the rates over lines leased, together with the option of purchase.

That the demand be made for the transfer of all Crown lands, within the boundaries of Manitoba, to the Province.

That aid be granted to municipalities, by way of guarantee or interest upon debentures, when required.

Equal rights to all.