

I have now taken I am actuated solely by a strong desire to bring this city to the position she should occupy and undoubtedly will occupy so soon as she gets direct railway communication with the interior, the Great Northwest and the Eastern provinces by a competing line with the C. P. R. To elect an opponent of the government might stop any further action in regard to this contract for many months, and this province would be put back another year, whilst politicians squabbled as to who should hold the reins of power and who should get the portfolios. Let us get down to business and do something that will benefit the province and ourselves. This railway is, in my opinion, Victoria's salvation. Stop this contract and we may never get such a chance again. If elected, I shall do all in my power to forward the construction, not only of the Canadian Northern Railway, but also of the Coast-Kootenay Railway, the Cariboo & Atlin Railway, and the

Comox & Cape Scott Railway as we cannot expect a proper development of our magnificent natural resources until the country is opened up by competitive railroads. I shall also strongly urge the encouragement by bonus of the ship-building industry, as it is of vital importance to so many trades, especially the lumber business. I have not one word to say against the character or well-known ability of my opponent, but I think that already there are enough lawyers in the House, and that the interests of this province and this city can be equally as well, if not better, looked after by an ordinary merchant. As the time before election day is short, I am afraid I cannot see all electors personally, but I will call on as many as I can.

Again respectfully asking for your vote and influence,

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

E. G. PRIOR.

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