

Municipal Elections, 1920

Platform of the Labor Party

To the Electors of Toronto:

With a desire to increase the labor representatives in the City Council and on the Board of Education, the Labor Representation Committee, composed of delegates from the Independent Labor Party and the Trades Unions, has nominated candidates for the Mayoralty, Board of Control, City Council, and Board of Education. To justify the electors in supporting the Labor Candidates, it was deemed advisable to place before them the program of reforms demanded as a means of improving our civic government and satisfying in a fuller measure the hopes, aims and aspirations of those who, by brain or hand, contribute useful service for the good of their fellow-citizens. A number of very important questions will be submitted to the duly qualified voters on money by-laws, and it is important that these questions should be decided in the best interests of all the citizens.

We are in hearty accord with the by-law to authorize a certain agreement made between the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Municipal Corporation of the City of Toronto and other Municipal Corporations, for the construction, equipment and operation of an electric railway under the Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914, and amendments thereto.

We endorse the by-law to provide for the submission to the electors of the question of certain exemptions of dwellings occupied by owners and assessed for \$4,000 or less, providing the policy of increasing the assessment on land is carried out. This we deem advisable if the city is going to prevent an increase in rents as a justification for the increased tax rate made necessary by the reduction in the assessment on houses assessed at \$4,000 or less.

We endorse the by-law respecting the taking over of all the real and personal property of the Toronto Railway Company necessary to be used in connection with the working of the municipally-owned railway.