

AGRICULTURE

The Liberal Policy.

(Adopted at the Provincial Liberal Convention).

Moved by Nelson Parliament, M.P.P., seconded by J. A. Calder, M.P.P., "Recognizing the important position occupied by the agricultural industry, and the difficulties which confront it, be it resolved:

1. A system of rural credits be established to provide long term money at a low rate of interest.
2. That agricultural schools with demonstration farms be established to continue the education of rural and urban boys and girls after leaving the public school.
3. That the spirit of co-operation between producer and consumer be encouraged with a view to cheapening the cost of production as well as that of distribution."

The Liberal Party recognizes the important position occupied by the industry of Agriculture and the difficulties which confront it. It also recognises the absolute failure of the Government to effectively meet these conditions. The cardinal principles of the Liberal Party are:—

- (1) Efficient leadership and effective administration by a Minister whose practical experience enables him to give leadership in agricultural matters.
- (2) Having regard to the serious decline in rural population, a thorough survey and inquiry by a non-partizan commission of practical men into the conditions of agriculture and rural life in Ontario.
- (3) The establishment of Agricultural schools and Demonstration Farms throughout the Province.
- (4) The inauguration of an effective system of rural credits.
- (5) The development of co-operative effort in buying and selling.
- (6) Financial assistance by way of loans at a low rate of interest on the security of lands and improvements to assist settlers.
- (7) The acquiring by the Government of farms in Older Ontario for the purpose of settling returned soldiers, with proper assistance.