

MOTHER'S PENSIONS

The inauguration of a system of pensions for mothers who for any cause are left without sufficient means to support and educate their children.

This plank in the platform represents Liberalism in its broadest and best sense. It is scarcely necessary to explain its purpose as it is self-evident. In the past many a mother has been left to struggle alone for the maintenance and education of her children. The husband dies, deserts his wife, is sent to jail or in some other way leaves the mother and children without the means of support. The Liberal party declares that the state has a distinct duty in all these cases—that provision should be made by law for rendering proper and sufficient assistance to every mother who is so situated. The adoption and carrying out of this policy should meet with the generous approval of every right-thinking citizen.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Owing to the continued failure of the Federal immigration policy to secure appreciable results in the settlement of our vacant lands other than homesteads, we believe the time has arrived when the province should inaugurate a vigorous land settlement scheme with the object of placing experienced farmers with families on vacant lands now owned by speculators. For this purpose the Government should obtain an inventory of all such lands, indicating their location, ownership, character, value and other necessary information. To provide for the settlement of these lands, the province should from time to time purchase them as required for actual settlement purposes, and, with the necessary safeguards, re-sell the lands so purchased to *bona fide* settlers on long term payments at a low rate of interest.

From an economic standpoint this is one of the outstanding features of the Liberal platform. It is a recognition that the Liberal party has a clear grasp of the really big things Saskatchewan needs. If our province is to grow and develop as it should the settlement of our vacant lands must be grappled with by the province itself. There can be no half way measures in dealing with this question. It must be dealt with boldly and in a big way—and further there is no time to lose. The carrying out of this plank of the Liberal platform will spell prosperity for all the people of the province.

FARM MACHINERY

As the present high price of farm machinery is a large factor in the cost of production and as the price to the Saskatchewan farmer is higher than in many other countries for similar machinery, we believe that steps should be taken by the Provincial Government to inquire into this problem in order that knowledge may be obtained of the different factors which