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# THE PREMIER'S MANIFESTO.

## An Open Letter to the Electors of British Columbia

### In Which the Whole Policy of the Government is Reviewed.

*To the Electors of British Columbia:*

Gentlemen,—

Owing to my inability to personally address as many electors throughout the province as I had intended, or would have desired, I take this means of laying my views before you. At the end of another parliament and just before another election you are entitled to a personal account of the stewardship of those who have represented you for four years, more especially from myself as having been for the greater part of the time entrusted with the direction of affairs; and also to have a full and fair opportunity from the record that is before you of determining in whom you will repose confidence for another term.

#### A BRITISH COLUMBIA POLICY.

I and the government I represent are before you on the issues which have been created in the management of the affairs of the Province by us, and not upon issues which have arisen in Dominion politics. We are before you as British Columbians, and on the policy of British Columbia development. We

are to be judged on matters of administration, on questions of finance, on the manner in which justice has been administered, on things pertaining to mining, on our agricultural policy, on considerations of public works and railways, on the general influence for good of the legislation on the various interests represented in this country, on the progress which has been effected, and widely and comprehensively on the results which may fairly be claimed to have flown from our efforts.

#### A Standard of Comparison.

I do not claim that the present administration has been perfect. We are made up of men who are human, and with all the liability to err of which other men are possessed. We have striven to do that which appeared to us to be best calculated to benefit the Province in the progress of which we are all more or less largely interested. While we may not have done the best in all instances, we claim, nevertheless, to have done well by the electorate, and confident of the justness of our cause, we are before you for a renewal of the confidence