

PLATFORM OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

4. EXTENSION OF TEMISKAMING RAILWAY.

That this Convention approves of the construction of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway by a Commission appointed for that purpose by the Government as a practical demonstration of Government Ownership by the Province, and that the extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to the intersection of the Grand Trunk Pacific, near Lake Abitibi, should be pressed forward with the greatest diligence, and that surveys should be made at an early day between the said point of intersection and Moose Factory, in order to ascertain the practicability of extending the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to Hudson's Bay, and thus connecting the fisheries of that great inland system of waters with the business centres of the Province of Ontario.

That it shall be the duty of the Minister having charge of the colonization and settlement of the new districts, after conference, if necessary, with the Commissioners for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, to determine at what points, having regard to the advantages of settlement and the availability of water power and other proper considerations, sites for towns along the said railway could be most advantageously situated, and having selected such sites, to cause the same to be surveyed, laid out and sold under the direction of the proper department of the Government, the proceeds of such sale to form part of the public revenues of the Province.

5. TIMBER AND MINERALS FOR THE SETTLERS.

That all lands suitable for agriculture in the unorganized districts be thrown open for settlement as soon as possible and that every *bona fide* purchaser or locatee of such lands shall on taking possession thereof have the right to cut for his own use or for sale, every description of timber thereon, pine only excepted.

That pending the issue of his patent, the settler shall have the right to cut and take, free of charge, so much of the pine as he may require for building and fencing or other uses, and that on