

2. PURITY OF ELECTIONS.

That this Convention, representing the Liberal Party of the Province of Ontario, repudiates and condemns in the most unqualified terms every form of bribery, by which elections are illegally or corruptly influenced at elections to the Legislative Assembly, and all fraudulent schemes to defeat the honest purpose of the electorate, as being a violation of the fundamental principles of responsible government and contrary to the spirit and traditions of the Liberal Party.

And this Convention would also call upon the Liberal members of the Parliament to devise the most ample means whereby election trials shall be continued until every offender is duly convicted and punished, and that no political or other considerations be permitted to stand in the way of the fullest vindication of the sanctity of the ballot, and the protection of public morals even to the extent of disfranchising constituencies reported by the courts to be wantonly and criminally corrupt.

That any candidate bearing the Liberal colors should try to complete his organization out of reputable men residing or having business connections in his own riding, and that it is an active duty of every Liberal candidate to see that no person who has been judicially noted for corrupt practices is included in his electoral organization or brought into political contact with his constituents.

3. RAILWAY ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

This Convention would approve of any legislation whereby the property of railways should contribute to the revenues of municipalities and the Province on a basis of assessment and taxation in every respect equal to the assessment and taxation of the property of private citizens or other corporations, and that in the framing of such legislation the recommendations of the railway taxation commission appointed at the last session of the Legislature should be carried out so far as may be found suitable to the conditions existing in the Province of Ontario.