

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted at Liberal-Conservative Association in Winnipeg, April 14th, 1920.

1.—WHEREAS the Liberal-Conservative Party of the Province of Manitoba is pledged "To maintain unimpaired the principles of British Constitutional Government" and

Whereas the delegation of Governmental authority to commissions is not only extravagant but divests the Government of the functions it should exercise under the British constitutional system, and

Whereas the Norris Government has divested itself of many of the duties it should properly and directly exercise,

Now, Therefore be it Resolved: That the Liberal-Conservative Party of the Province of Manitoba, in Convention assembled, affirms its pledge to maintain unimpaired the principles of British Constitutional Government by abolishing, in so far as practicable, all boards and commissions exercising functions which the Government itself should directly exercise.

2.—WHEREAS the people of Manitoba, during war, volunteered to pay a tax upon all the rateable property in the Province for the purpose of supplying a Patriotic Fund for the support of the dependants of our overseas defenders, and

Whereas the said tax has now ceased to operate for the welfare of the overseas dependants and has been fastened upon the people of this Province solely in order to provide revenues for a recklessly extravagant Government, and

Whereas the continuance of said tax as a tax for revenue is a betrayal of the patriotic spirit of the people of Manitoba,

Therefore be it Resolved: That the Liberal-Conservative Party of the Province of Manitoba, in Convention assembled, pledge itself to the abolition of the said direct taxation on the rateable property of the Province.

3.—WHEREAS every tax necessitated by war, or levied by the Government of Manitoba under the pretext of wartime necessity, has now been translated into permanent taxation for the purpose of finding revenue to meet the growing extravagances of the Norris Government, and

Whereas the civil service has been absurdly overmanned; the most flagrant extravagance has been practised in every administrative department; sums almost incalculable have been expended upon commissions of every form and description; huge sums of money have been paid to lawyers and others for purposes purely political and economically negligible, and

Whereas methods of financing have been resorted to which have been nothing short of reprehensible and disastrous, and

Whereas trust funds have been diverted for the advancement of extravagant and

non-paying enterprises of the Norris Government, and

Whereas said trust funds have not been available when needed and borrowing at high rates of interest has thus been necessitated, and

Whereas the cost of civil government in Manitoba has thus been increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 per annum as a result of five years of Norris administration, and

Whereas this has been the chief reason for the onerous burdens of new taxation imposed upon Manitoba, and

Whereas the Liberal-Conservative Party is pledged to eliminate much of this new taxation,

Now, Therefore be it Resolved: That the Liberal-Conservative Party of the Province of Manitoba, in convention assembled, pledge itself to meet the dearth of revenue occasioned by the abolition of said taxation, by rigid economy in the cost of civil government, by the abolition of improvident financing and that all provincial securities offered for sale shall be sold by public tender; that trust funds be restored and held intact and inviolate for the purposes for which they were intended; that all contracts be let by public tender, publicly opened, and that the evils of "high finance" as practised by the Norris Government be abandoned.

4.—WHEREAS the Norris Government has shown itself inept in dealing with industrial disputes, and

Whereas the creation of a Labor Portfolio in the cabinet of Manitoba would provide a direct, reasonable and responsive means for dealing with labor problems and for the cultivation of that industrial peace which is necessary to industrial development and greater production and to the development of home markets,

Be it Resolved: That the Liberal-Conservative Party of the Province of Manitoba, in convention assembled, pledges itself to create a Labor portfolio and a Labor department under the charge of a Minister of the Crown.

5.—WHEREAS the administration of the Manitoba Temperance Act, fortified during war by the Canada Temperance Act and the prohibition of inter-provincial trading, has been such, under the Norris Government, as to have given rise to thoroughly justified criticism, and

Whereas the said administration has been so lax as to arouse the gravest suspicion of corruption, and

Whereas by federal statute a plebiscite may be taken for the prohibition of inter-provincial trading, and

Whereas such prohibition would not stop the present abuses by way of illicit and forged prescriptions, and