

SASKATCHEWAN'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Believing that the future prosperity of the people of Saskatchewan and the further development of their provincial facilities and institutions depends very largely upon action by the Parliament of Canada, the Convention of Saskatchewan Liberals pledged adherence to the following policies which, in their opinion, are essential to the achievement of these aims:

Tariff and Markets—Free access for the grain products of Saskatchewan to the markets of the United States and of all other countries willing to grant such free entry.

— The admission into Canada, free of customs duties, of farm machinery and all things essential to the raising of grain and live stock products.

A general lowering of the customs duties on all necessities of life.

The immediate reduction of the customs duties on all goods imported from Great Britain to one-half of the rates charged under the general tariff, and a policy of further gradual reduction with a view to the elimination of all trade restrictions within the Empire.

New outlets for our farm products and especially a speedy completion of the Hudson Bay Railway owned and operated by the Government of Canada, and that provision be made for the operation of suitable steamers to be run between the Bay and Great Britain.

Natural Resources.—The transfer to the Province of the public domain and natural resources within its borders, with a view to the control and development of the same for the benefit of the Province and its people.

School Lands.—The transfer to the Province of all school lands and of the school endowment fund which up to the present under Federal control have produced scarcely more than one-half of the revenue for school purposes that could easily be obtained under Provincial management.

Banking Facilities—Such changes in the banking system of Canada as will permit of the establishment of local agricultural banks in close touch with local conditions and with the needs of the farming industry.

C.P.R. Tax Exemption.—The removal of the exemption from taxation now enjoyed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Prohibition of Liquor Traffic.—The enactment of legislation prohibiting the manufacture in, or (except for medicinal, scientific and sacramental purposes) importation into, Saskatchewan of intoxicating liquor, and, respectfully request the Parliament of Canada forthwith to enact such legislation.

Women's Franchise.—The extension of the Federal franchise to the women of Saskatchewan.