

relegated by that Government to a conference of Provincial premiers. And whereas the conference of last year denied British Columbia that full measure of Better Terms to which we think we are entitled to, we deprecate the attempt now being made by the Premier of the Province to make a partizan question of Better Terms in face of the stand taken by the Liberal Opposition.

20.—That in view of the fact that a Canadian Commission is to be appointed by the Federal Government to visit Japan and investigate the question of Asiatic immigration, RESOLVED that in the opinion of this convention this commission should consist of at least one member from British Columbia.

21.—Whereas the Hon. Richard McBride has publicly declared that he did not advise the Lieutenant-Governor to withhold assent to the Act of last session purporting to prohibit Oriental immigration, and in making such declaration in effect disavows ministerial responsibility;

And whereas Mr. McBride is still the chief adviser of the Lieutenant-Governor,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this convention condemns as utterly subversive of responsible government this flagrant violation of the first principle of the Constitution, which requires that the Chief Adviser of the Crown must assume responsibility for every executive act of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Premier of British Columbia cannot shield himself behind the Lieutenant-Governor and must assume full responsibility for the act of the representative of the Crown, or resign office, in which event the Lieutenant-Governor would be compelled to secure a first minister who would accept responsibility.

22.—That the thanks of this convention are due in the first place to Mr. J. A. Macdonald, M.P.P., and secondly to the members of the Organization Committee for the great care and labor bestowed upon the drafting of the several articles of the various constitutions.

23.—That this convention of the Liberals of British Columbia place on record their unqualified confidence in their great leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, and J. A. Macdonald, M.P.P., leader of the Provincial Liberal Opposition.