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### One Plank of Conservative Platform

To Editor of Calgary Herald:  
Sir,—Some days ago a contemporary of yours came out with a strong article on the proposition of the Conservative party to give advances to settlers and workers. The article presented many vulnerable points, and I have looked ever since for a reply, but none has materialized. I am surprised at this apathy. As a life long Liberal, I say the Conservative party by bringing out this plank have gained an enormous advantage, which they do not appear to appreciate. A person is

compelled to think that they must have built better than they knew. In any case this is the most momentous proposal ever placed before the people of Alberta, and as I have gleaned a little knowledge about the matter, I will endeavor to satisfy the amazement of the leader-writer in question. His chief trouble appears to centre around the question of finance; where is the money coming from? Where did the Australian states and New Zealand get the money from? They did not dig it up; they went to London, England, with their debentures, and returned with the cash. And as their purpose was to spend the money in agricultural development, the money was raised on most satisfactory terms, and they have been lending since 1899 on four and five per cent. interest. The Canadian farmer at the same time has been paying from 10 to 12 per cent. and must give good security at that.

The writer was entirely wrong in assuming that this is a matter of beneficence. It is a matter of pure business. In the Australian states it is managed so excellently that the losses are practically nil. The fear that a premier would administer the fund is also quite without foundation. Following the example of Australia all the premier will do will be to pass the necessary legislation; the governor will appoint the members of the advance board, after which the whole system will be taken out of the arena of party politics, and conducted on purely business lines. I am not closely enough allied to the Conservative party, or to any party to know what their intentions are, but suppose we follow the example of New Zealand and borrow for this purpose \$15,000,000; the fund to be administered by the three ablest men in the province for the development of agriculture. How many corporation railways, on paper, at \$13,000 a mile would take to produce an equally excellent result. Think it out for yourself.

The paper said that 20,000,000 settlers would want loans. Unconsciously, that was a great compliment to this suggestion. I believe, however, that figure to be exaggerated. Nevertheless, if we take this step, farmers will pour in from the states, from eastern Canada, from Europe, and we will have boom times no province or state has ever heard of before. Suppose in two years we get under this system 1,000,000 prosperous farmers, what will that mean to the business and workingmen? Railways! you can then get them at your own price.

After the first year some of this money will be refunded and will be available for some one else. Again I say think it out and don't allow any one to say it can't be done and throw dust in your eyes.

The following quotation is from the Australian year book: By the agricultural Bank act of 1894, the governor of west Australia was empowered to form a bank for the purpose of promoting the occupation, cultivation and improvement of the agricultural lands of the colony. The bank was put under the control of "three trustees," appointed by the governor, in whom is vested the whole of the bank property. The necessary funds are provided for by the issue of mortgage bonds, paying interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

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According to the New Zealand year book, a worker in any laboring man or clerk in office or store whose income is less than \$1,000 a year. If he owns his lot, and no other land than that on which he intends to build; he can borrow up to \$1,750 to erect a home for himself. Repayment with five per cent interest extending over 20 years.

It is up to the Calgary worker to say if he wants to be put on an equality with his New Zealand brother, and to demand that equality at the ballot box.

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—ONLOOKER

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