

LIBERAL PLATFORM

With a view to the future development of the Province, the prosperity of its people and the building up of a sound and healthy citizenship, the Liberal party of Saskatchewan declared its approval of the following policies at its grand Convention held at Moose Jaw:

EDUCATION

(a) The continued improvement of our educational system with the object of assuring to every child an efficient elementary education, special care being taken that by strict administration of the school law and regulations every child obtains a thorough knowledge of the English language.

Speaking broadly and generally, the people of Saskatchewan have every reason to be proud of their elementary school system. In 1905 we started with 894 districts. Today we have about 3,900 districts. In twelve short years the means of securing an education has been carried to the homes of practically all our new settlers. Marvellous progress has been made considering the innumerable difficulties in the way—differences among our people in customs, ideals, nationality and religion. Still our system is not perfect. No school system is. The Liberal Government inaugurated the move for "Better Schools," and today Liberalism holds there should be steady, continued improvement in our school system with the definite object of creating conditions that will assure to every child in the province an efficient elementary education. This must be attained by increasing school facilities, encouraging and assisting consolidated schools, improving the course of studies, raising the status and proficiency of teachers, compelling more regular attendance of children, increasing the efficiency of the inspector, etc., etc. The Liberal party also believes, as it always has, that every child should acquire a thorough knowledge of the English language and that the existing law and regulations should be strictly enforced in all schools to secure this end.

(b) The creation of conditions that will have an ever increasing influence in improving the efficiency of all teachers and in making the teaching profession more permanent.

The Liberal party recognizes that the success of our elementary schools depends to a very large extent on the teacher. Heretofore the greatest difficulty has been experienced in supplying teachers for the ever increasing number of schools. Hereafter to secure the best results the energies of the Government must be directed towards providing a fully qualified teacher for every school with the least possible trouble