

by training or experience they are qualified to do so.

(h) The discontinuance of the practice of conferring titles upon citizens of Canada.

(i) The removal of press censorship upon the restoration of peace and the immediate restoration of the rights of free speech.

(j) The opening of seats in parliament to women on the same terms as men.

THE FARMERS' PLATFORM

Following Herewith is the Official Text of the Farmers' Platform:

(See Note on page 12)

1. A League of Nations as an international organization to give permanence to the world's peace by removing old causes of conflict.

2. We believe that the further development of the British Empire should be sought along the lines of partnership between nations free and equal, under the present governmental system of British constitutional authority. We are strongly opposed to any attempt to centralize imperial control. Any attempt to set up an independent authority with power to bind the Dominions, whether this authority be termed parliament, council or cabinet, would hamper the growth of responsible and informed democracy in the Dominions.

The Tariff

3. Whereas Canada is now confronted with a huge national war debt and other greatly increased financial obligations, which can be most readily and effectively reduced by the development of our natural resources, chief of which is agricultural lands;