

The Liberal-Conservative Platform

AS LAID DOWN BY R. L. BORDEN, M.P., OPPOSITION LEADER, AT HALIFAX, AUGUST 20th, 1907.

PUBLIC FINANCE.

1. Honest appropriation and expenditure of public moneys in the public interest.

APPOINTMENT BY MERIT.

2. Appointment of public officials upon considerations of capacity and personal character and not of party service alone.

HONEST ELECTIONS.

3. More effective provisions to punish bribery and fraud at elections, to ensure thorough publicity as to expenditures by political organizations, to prevent the accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters, to expedite the hearing of election petitions and to prevent collusive arrangements for the withdrawal or compromise thereof, to provide for a thorough investigation of corrupt practices, and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer charged with that duty, to simplify the procedure therefor and to enforce the laws so amended.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

4. A thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the Civil Service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examination.

REFORM OF THE SENATE.

5. Such reform in the mode of selecting members of the Senate as will make that Chamber a more useful and representative legislative body.

IMMIGRATION.

6. A more careful selection of the sources from which immigration shall be sought, a more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the bonus system except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of settlers.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FRANCHISES FOR THE PEOPLE.

7. The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great national franchises) for the public benefit and under such conditions that a reasonable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall inure to the people.