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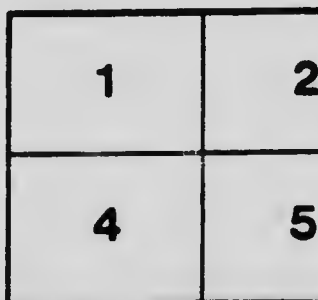
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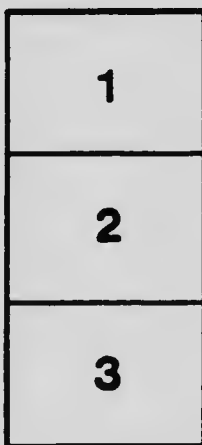
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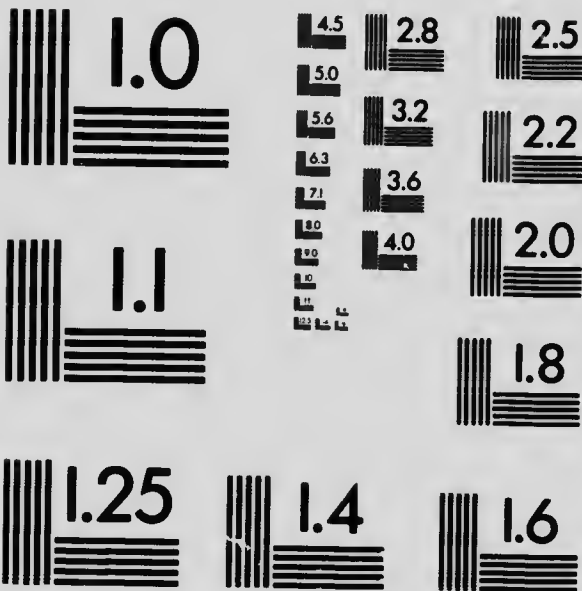
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# PLATFORM.

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[ADOPTED AT REVELSTOKE, B. C., SEPT. 13, 1902.]

1. That this Convention reaffirms the policy of the Party in matters of Provincial roads and trails; the ownership and control of railways and the development of the agricultural resources of the Province as laid down in the Platform adopted in October, 1899, which is as follows:

"To actively aid in the construction of trails throughout the undeveloped portions of the Province and the building of Provincial trunk roads of public necessity.

"To adopt the principle of government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the Province will admit, and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the Government of the Province control of rates over lines bonused, together with the option of purchase.

"To actively assist by state aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the province."

2. That in the meantime and until the railway policy above set forth can be accomplished, a general railway act be passed, giving freedom to construct railways under certain approved regulations, analogous to the system that has resulted in such extensive railway construction in the United States, with so much advantage to trade and commerce.

3. That to encourage the mining industry, the taxation of metalliferous mines should be on the basis of a percentage of the net profits.

4. That the government ownership of telephone systems should be brought about as a first step in the acquisition of public utilities.

5. That a portion of every coal area hereafter to be disposed of should be reserved from sale or lease, so that state-owned mines may be easily accessible, if their operation become necessary or advisable.

6. That in the pulp land leases provision should be made for reforestation and that steps should be taken for the general preservation of forests by guarding against the wasteful destruction of timber.

7. That the Legislature and Government of the Province should persevere in the effort to secure the exclusion of Asiatic labor.

8. That the matter of better terms in the way of subsidy and appropriations for the Province should be vigorously pressed upon the Dominion Government.

9. That the silver-lead industries of the Province be fostered and encouraged by the imposition of increased customs



duties on lead and lead products imported into Canada, and that the Conservative members of the Dominion House be urged to support any motion introduced for such a purpose.

10. That as industrial disputes almost invariably result in great loss and injury both to the parties directly concerned and to the public, legislation should be passed to provide means for an amicable adjustment of such disputes between employers and employees.

11. That it is advisable to foster the manufacture of the raw products of the Province within the Province as far as practicable by means of taxation on the said raw products, subject to rebate of the same in whole or part when manufactured in British Columbia.



# Constitution.

## NAME.

1. The name of the organization shall be **THE LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

## OBJECTS.

2. The objects of the Union are:
  - (A) To promote by all lawful means the interests of the Liberal-Conservative Party in British Columbia.
  - (B) To form and establish Branch Societies in all the Electoral Districts of the Province.
  - (C) To secure and circulate such literature as may be deemed expedient for the promotion of the objects of the Union.

## MEMBERSHIP.

3. Members, officers, etc. :
  - (A) The Union shall consist of all members in good standing in all Branch Societies.
  - (B) All members in good standing of any Branch Society

shall have the right to attend any general meetings of the Union and take part in any discussion, but shall not be entitled to vote upon any question unless he be a duly accredited delegate.

#### OFFICERS.

4. There shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the society the officers for the year, namely, an Honorary President, a President, five Vice-presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The whole of the foregoing officers shall be eligible for re-election, except the President.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

5. The Executive Committee shall be chosen by the President and the Vice-presidents, and shall consist of five persons, who shall be members of the Union. The President and Secretary of the Union shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

#### PRESIDENT.

6. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Union

from the time of his election until the election of his successor.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS.**

7. It shall be the duty of each Vice-president to organize a District Association in the Electoral Division which he is chosen to represent. After the organization of the said District Association, the said District Association shall elect its own officers.

**SECRETARY.**

8. The duties of the Secretary shall be to conduct the official correspondence of the Union and keep the minutes of the meeting thereof. He shall be ex-officio a member of and Secretary to the Executive Committee.

**TREASURER.**

9. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive the moneys belonging to the Union and to disburse the same under the orders of the Executive Committee.

**ORGANIZER.**

10. The Executive Committee may, when they have the necessary funds, appoint an Organizer at a salary to be

agreed upon, who shall aid the several Vice-presidents in organizing District Associations in harmony with this Union; to continually see that the Branch Associations are at all times in good working order; to assist in providing for the proper supervision of the revising of the voters' lists; to disseminate political reading matter; to aid in elections, and to generally serve the interests of the party in accordance with such instructions as may be given to him by the Executive Committee. He shall make a full written report of his work and the results of his visits to the various districts to the Executive Committee.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

11. The Executive Committee shall generally manage the affairs of the Union during the year, raise the funds necessary to defray the expenses of the Union, direct the Treasurer as to payment of claims against the Union and provide public speakers when required to do so.

#### GRATUITOUS SERVICES.

12. The services of all the officers of

the Union shall be gratuitous, excepting those of the Organizer who shall receive a salary to be agreed upon and the actual expenses incurred when travelling for the Union.

#### VOTE BY PROXY.

13. Members of the Union may vote by proxy at all meetings of the Union, but proxies can only be held by members of the Union.

#### VOTING POWER.

14. The basis of representation at the Liberal-Conservative Convention shall be five (5) delegates for every member of the Provincial Legislature to which each separate constituency may be entitled, such delegates to be elected by the Liberal-Conservative voters of the electoral district or riding.

#### ELECTED BY BALLOT.

15. The officers of the Union, after being nominated by a mover and seconder, shall, if opposed, be chosen by a written ballot. Any vacancy occurring during the year may be filled by the Executive Committee.

## NOTICE OF MEETING.

16. Four weeks' notice of all meetings of the Union shall be given by advertisement in the Conservative press of the Province.

## QUORUM.

17. Twenty delegates actually present shall form a quorum.

## SPECIAL MEETING.

18. A special meeting of the Union may be called by resolution of the Executive Committee, such notice of meeting to be signed either by the President of the Union or by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and by the Secretary, or if the Executive Committee refuses to call a special meeting then upon the resolution of four District Associations the meeting shall be called.

## WHO MAY PRESIDE.

19. In the absence of the President the senior Vice-president who may be present shall preside.

## TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

20. This Constitution may be altered

or amended on a two-thirds' vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

#### BY-LAWS.

21. This Union shall have power to form a code of By-laws and from time to time to add to, modify, alter or rescind the same.

22. District Associations shall have the power to form a code of By-laws, but such By-laws shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution of this Union.

#### ORDER OF DEBATE.

23. Matters which do not arise out of the minutes shall be dealt with by motion, duly proposed and seconded. No person shall speak more than once to any motion (except by way of explanation or by special permission of the chair), but the mover shall have the right to reply.



## Order of Business.

24. The Order of Business shall be as follows:

1. President or Vice-president Takes the Chair.
2. Committee upon Credentials Appointed.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Reading Minutes.
5. Correspondence.
6. Reports.
7. Resolutions.
8. New Business.
9. General (Including Election of Officers).
10. Where Shall Next Convention Be Held?



