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## Provincial Political : Platform :

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## Provincial Platform of the Grand Army of United Veterans

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1. A comprehensive industrial scheme, embracing the development of the principal natural resources of the Province.

2. The establishment of an Old Age Pension Act for all workers over the age of sixty years.

3. The establishment of a complete Health Insurance Act, and the creation of a Portfolio of Minister of Public Health.

4. The establishment of an efficient Public Utilities Act with powers to investigate and if possible, control, within the Province Food Prices.

5. The Abolition of the Poll Tax.

6. The exemption from taxation of all estates under the valuation of \$5,000 of the members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces for the period of their service overseas.

7. Revision of the Municipalities Act.

8. The establishment of a 44 hour week in all industries not covered by special legislation, with a maximum of 48 hours in all industries.

9. Creation of National Reserves of Coal and Timber to prevent the present wasteful exhaust of these vital assets.

10. Maternity benefits with free hospital services.

11. Free and periodical examination of the health and dentition of all children of school age, with free dental clinics and hospital treatment.

12. Free and compulsory education, including textbooks, with scholarships awarded for University Course in accordance with the attainments of the pupils.

13. The re-establishment of the commercial and industrial returned workers to be as efficiently carried out as the re-establishment of the agricultural workers should have been under the S.S.B.

14. Preference for appointment in the Civil Service where there is a reasonable degree of efficiency, to be given to Returned Men.

15. Restricted Immigration with rigid exclusion of the Asiatic.

16. A tax to be placed on all unimproved land values.

17. Reservation of Water Powers and construction of a Hydro-Electric System.

18. A comprehensive policy of water conservation and irrigation.

19. Provision that pre-emptors, farmers and others be provided with explosives at cost price for the purpose of eradicating stumps and clearing land.

20. The use of stumping machines and other appliances to be provided free in each district to farmers clearing farm land under an assessed value of \$5,000.

21. Fertilizers and pedigreed stocks and other essentials to farm development purchased by farmers to be transported over Government owned and other railways free of cost by arrangement.

22. Amendment to the Provincial Elections Act to enable a majority of the electors in any Electoral District to recall their member if deemed advisable and necessary.

23. Amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act to enable injured workers or dependents to obtain compensation when unlawfully refused by the Board, by an appeal to the Attorney-General.

24. The establishment of a Provincial Bank.