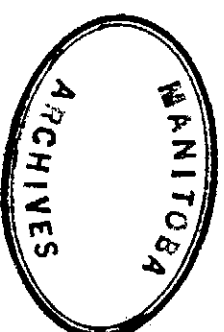


CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM.

Brandon, 1932



Delegates to the Convention pledged their party to the following policies, if elected:

- (1) A sound, economical and businesslike administration;
- (2) Immediate revision of expenditures and taxation; economies in administration, and curtailment of relatively less important services; the keeping of expenditures within current income, and balancing of provincial budgets;
- (3) Direct ministerial responsibility of the department of labor, and through this department to improve by all reasonable means the standards and conditions of living of men in the ranks of labor;
- (4) Support of the Canadian National Railway as a distinct and separate national public utility;
- (5) The adjustment of securities held by the province for rural credits and Manitoba farm loans, and other government loaning schemes, on the basis of sound business principles, and inducements to other lending associations that similar adjustments will be expected;
- (6) The adoption of all practical means to assure that all children shall have full opportunity to a free schooling in all grades in the public schools; the re-organization of grants from the provincial treasury to the public schools, and such increases as shall assure to every child the opportunity to which he is entitled; measures of encouragement to develop a highly efficient teaching profession;
- (7) Relief in the principal of governmental operation of a hydro-electric system to serve the whole province, and make electric power available to all farmers and rural residents at reasonable rates;
- (8) Direct contributions to the relief of unemployment distress; a non-partisan board to administer relief; acceptance of the principle of national contributory insurance;
- (9) The establishment of such rates on existing rural telephone lines as will put users in a position to continue the use of such lines, the rates to continue only so long as present economic conditions remain;
- (10) Acceptance of responsibility for the construction, maintenance and upkeep of all trunk highways, and relief of all municipalities for responsibility therefor;
- (11) An investigation of the feasibility of controlling the water levels of Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba;
- (12) A re-organization of the department of agriculture;

the promotion of facilities for the marketing of farm products; and particularly the facilitating of shipments of farm produce through the Hudson Bay;

(13) Effort to have the Dominion Government assume responsibility for fisheries and hatcheries in the province; and pending any re-arrangement in that direction, every reasonable aid and encouragement to fish producers in securing and extending fish markets, the daily broadcasting of prevailing prices, legislation providing for the bonding of exporters and dealers to insure that producers receive the prices agreed on and the hired fisherman their wages;

(14) Support of all bona fide mining development by arranging to provide roads or means of access and other facilities;

(15) That in view of the present unfortunate and dangerous overlapping of fields of taxation as between the Dominion and the provinces and the necessity of distributing services according to the ability of the different governmental authorities to finance them, it will be made an urgent object of policy to effect an arrangement with the Dominion Government in respect to these matters, and that similarly an adjustment of fields of taxation and of service as between the province and municipalities and the school districts, will be worked out;

(16) The Conservative Party pledges itself to retain and develop the essential services of the best of health, but recognizes that economies must be practiced while the present financial depression continues; that the Conservative Party believes that economies should not be practiced in respect to mothers' allowances, at the expense of widows and orphans, and further believes that the present condition of unemployment must be taken into account and rates and regulations adjusted to compensate therefor;

(17) The Conservative Party is in favor of an all-Manitoba Highway to The Pas, receiving full consideration as an unemployment relief measure.