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### SHOULD BE BOXED WITH THE BONELESS HERRING.

The Progressive Conservative Association of Prince Rupert cultural lands to be rapidly comis no more. It was not a business that struggled along and died out for want of public patronage. It had a good and prosperous business and was cutting deeply into the business of its old-time rival. Not only that but it commanded free advertising from two newspapers-from the Empire because the enterprising editor of that newspaper was himself a Progressive and again and again has rebelled against ring rule; and from The News because as the representative of Liberalism it has to be progressive, and as the organ of the people of Prince Rupert it is lator. ever ready and even eager to lend its support to any progressive 2. Transportation. ideas, whether Conservative or Socialist or whatever. Any movement calculated to upset the conditions which are now retarding the speedy advancement of this city has in The News its strongest champion.

The Progressives did not go out of existence without having the railway systems of Vancouver done some good for their community in their brief existence as Island and the railway systems members of the body corporate. They did manage to defeat the of the mainland. old line Conservatives and its rings, and obtain the appointment of license commissioners for this city that are certainly an improvement upon their predecessors. Though the Progressives have gone out of business it is believed the commissioners ap- between pointed on Progressive principles will still stand to their guns, other interior points and the and will so conduct their office that they will show to the people coast. their freedom from party trammels and their sole desire to serve the city.

Having gained this measure of success, and being on the tory. way to gain others for the betterment of conditions in this city, why did this bunch of honest, independent citizens permit themselves to be sold out bodily, they and the principles they stood for which met with public approval in every rank of life? What was the consideration which led them to sulk back to their seats in the galleys and have their old shackles rivetted on them: The people who approved and supported their course as Progressives have the right to an answer.

Particularly when their victory in the appointment of licensing commissioners who were not known as hidebound partisans of the old ring met with such a paean of public approval. It is well known as one of the evils to be fought against that the McBride government has so manipulated the liquor license laws as to utilize the liquor traffic as a very important part of its political machinery. In the cities it appoints a number of license commissioners; in the unorganized districts the licenses are under control of the provincial police. It is everywhere believed that in the best interests of the license holders themselves, as well as those of the public generally, the control of licenses should be taken out of the hands of the Attorney General, who cannot be at all acquainted with local conditions, and placed rates and telegraph tolls of all servative Dominion government. policy. directly in the hands of the people in the different municipalities and communities, and that the commissioners should be elected under the jurisdiction of the Do- Columbia," and advocate conby them. The Progressives made the first step in this direction in having their local appointments ratified by the Attorney General. In any fight they might have determined to make in this ecampaign they would have had the great strength of the license holders behind them, which means much. And yet, alack-a-day, the Progressives, at the first whiff of the breath of the patronage charmer lay down and grovel.

It might not be political ethics for them to let the public 3. Timber. into the secret of the consideration, but the public have the right to know so it shall be told. Candidate Manson sent for the wholesale disposal of timber the president of the Progressives. The president obeyed the lands to speculators, which has mandate. The McBride candidate, desiring the votes of the the present government. Progressives in the campaign, made this offer: That both associations should disband and that each one should have equal ing and valuation of timber lands 11. Public Ownership of Utilities. representation upon the new Conservative association to be by the government before alienaimmediately formed. The Progressives fell for this specious tion, and the disposal of all such promise. It means that they are back in the old association, actual users. eight of them on the executive, and that these eight and the whole of the membership are marked men, are renegades and ing timber waste and systemto be treated as such this year, next year and to the end of the century unless a new Progressive association should be organized on better and more substantial principles, or by men of sufficient force of character to fight for their convictions and their rights as free and independent citizens.

Yes, the representative newspaper of the dead Progressives fixed periodically by the legisla- cial government, and is used by does get out a trifle earlier in the afternoon than The Daily News, ture. as a rule, but people are beginning to know that we wait for the very latest news and they wait for The News accordingly. And the people of every rank of life and of every political persuasion taken with a view to reduction of The control of the traffic should are telling us by telephone this morning that our yesterday's existing prices. issue was well worth waiting a few minutes for.

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# Platform of the Liberals of British Columbia

-Adopted at the Vancouver Convention, March 1st, 1912-

### 1. Free Lands for Settlers-None; manual and agricultural trainfor Speculators.

We emphatically condemn the McBride government for its connivance at the evasion of the land laws by persons, syndicates and corporations, who have been allowed to obtain millions of acres of the choicest accessible public lands, which are held without use 6. Representation. and to the detriment of the province as a whole.

Free homesteads to actual set-

Advances to settlers on easy terms to assist in land clearing, dyking, irrigation and other permanent improvements.

Surveys of all accessible agripleted, and survey sheets and all necessary information to be made easily available to the public.

Settlement in block to be encouraged by the removal of reserves, which scatter population and greatly increase the cost of roads, schools and other necessary facilities.

No public land for the specu

The immediate construction of railway to Peace River.

We will co-operate with the Dominion government in securing all-rail connection between

The construction of a line owned by the government to give route as to grades and distances

We favor the busbanding the Provincial credit to assist lines that will open up new terri-

Provincial credit and resources not to be wasted in paralleling existing lines. No land subvention to railways

beyond what is necessary for railway purposes. Abolition of the system of giv-

ing away Crown lands for townsites free of taxation and under railway control.

Aid to railways not to exceed what is reasonably necessary to secure construction.

The prevention of over capitalization of railways.

The Province to co-operate with the Dominion in aiding rail-

way and highway construction. All franchises for the concompetition.

government-aided roads to be minion Railway Commission.

mand for the transportation of sult is attained. The Liberals of

of government-owned elevators. from the Province. The people to control the rail-

been the only timber policy of municipal matters.

lands by public competition

Improved methods of preventatized reafforestation.

Hand loggers licenses to be

4. Public Protection in Respect to Coal.

Wherever practicable and nec- We insist upon the complete essary government operation of removal of the liquor question coal mines to be at once under- from party politics.

We insist upon the appoint- unorganized territory, in locally ment of a royal commission to elected authorities. nvestigate the present exorbitant | We favor a local option law.

### coal prices. 5. Practical Education.

We condemn the present edu- of liquor offered for sale. cational autocracy of the govern- 13. Public Accounts.

such as exists in all other prov- Accounts Committee.

is so overloaded with subjects as ment, independent of the govern- row escapes. to render thorough education in ment. any branch impossible.

We advocate an increase of We advocate immediate steps Savoy.

ing and domestic science teaching, and the establishment of an

The present school system bears unjustly on settlers in unorganized districts , and should G. VUKOVICH. immediately remedied.

The government's policy as to revision of the voters' lists and We hold that agricultural land precipitating the present elecshould be disposed of only on tion without a proper redistribusuch conditions as will ensure tion of constituencies is a comits continuous use and occupa- plete subversion of all the privileges of representative govern-

tlers. Holders of pre-emptions | We favor personal registration to be given benefit of this pro- and insist on immediate redis-

We favor woman suffrage and personal property taxes, and the raising of the exemption of come limit to \$2,000.

### 7. Taxation.

Abolition of the poll tax. Exemption of improvements all lands paying taxes to th

Provincial government.

A readjustment of the system. of taxation whereby the Province may receive a fairer proportion of the unearned increment.

Immediate reform of the present costly, cumbersome and inequitable system of collecting school taxes in unorganized dis-

### 8. Labor-Workmen's Compensa-Without Litigation.

A Provincial department labor to be created, and a free government labor bureau estab-

Thorough and frequent inspection of all industrial premises to ensure health, sanitation and

child labor in factories and shops. The present system of employers' liability insurance bears heavily upon employers, and is a frequent source of injustice to workmen and their families. We advocate the establishment by the government of a permanent industrial insurance commission. independent of politics. This commission to have full charge of a system providing positive compensation to employees for injury received during employment, without recourse to litiga-

minimum cost. The extension of the scope of lumbia fisheries from foreign the Workmen's Compensation peachers. Act, so as to cover all hazardous The adequate policing of Can-

employments.

### be made at least fortnightly. 9. Oriental Immigration.

struction, operation and owner- hypocrisy of the Provincial gov- lands on watersheds tributary to ship or leasing of government- ernment as evidenced by its re- cities, towns and municipalities. -the Natal Act-on the ground of the government to remedy the Freight, passenger and express that it would embarrass the Con- mischief caused by this mistaken

We stand for a "White British With a view to meeting the de- in immigration laws until this regrain from Saskatchewan and Al- British Columbia are in favor of perta, the immediate construction the total exclusion of Orientals

ways, and not the railways the authorities shall enforce stric sanitary regulations in all congested districts.

# Powers.

Increase of local control in

Election of license and police

# We advocate the survey, cruis- commissioners by popular vote.

We emphatically declare our adherence to the principle of public ownership of public util- Editor Daily News: ities, and advocate limitation of terms of franchise to corporations, renewing the same, if in the public interest, in equitable

### 12. Local The liquor traffic of British

Coal lands not to be alienated, Columbia is at present under the Mussallem of Mussallem & Co. but leased under conditions to be absolute control of the Provinit as a political machine.

be vested in municipalities, or, in

In the protection of the public we insist on frequent inspection

We denounce the McBride We recommend the appoint- government for withholding year Frasers Hotel at Plaster Rock, ment of a representative advis- after year the public accounts N. B., a well known commercial or otherwise ory board in educational matters, from examination by the Public hostelry, was destroyed by fire

The present school curriculum of an auditor general's depart- to death and ten others had nar-

14. Fishery Control.

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adian waters.

The payment of wages should 15. Protection of Water Supply. We condemn the shortsighted policy of the Provincial govern-We unhesitating condemn the ment in alienating the timber aided roads to be open for public fusal to re-enact its own remedy It should be the immediate duty

# 16. Torrens System of Registra-

tion of Title. of titles, and a reduction of reg-

istration fees. 17. Non-Partisan Civil Service. We favor the organization o a civil service commission for respect of, or otherwise turn to account We condemn without reserve 10. Extension of Municipal both inside and outside services. Appointments to the civil serv-

# Letters to the Editor

and not on partisan service.

Prince Rupert, B. C. March 12, 1912.

Prince Rupert, B. C.

sallem appearing in a recent is- wise acquire, any personal property and sue of the Empire as a delegat would further state that I have sidings on lands owned or contro never attended any of the meet- courses, wharves, manufactories, wareings of the Progressive Conservatives, not having had the honor seem calculated directly or indirectly to of being a member of that or- contribute to, subsidize or otherwise assist

ganization. Yours truly, SOLOMON MUSSALLEM.

## HOTEL DESTROYED

Guests Burned to Death: Ten Narrowly Escape.

(Special to Daily News.) St. John, N. B., March 12. last night. Five guests whose as principals, agents, contractors, We advocate the organization names are unknown were burned junction with others; (aa) To procure

Prince Rupert's leading hotel-

NOTICE 1748 day of January, 1912, imporporating H. Gordon Munro Suchmond Wyllie Hart, barrister-at-law; George Merie Miller, Student-at-law; Pears Stokes and Jessie Stracuan, stenographers, and Winnifred Morgan, clerk, all six une City of Toronto, in the Province of Unitario, for the following purposes, vir (a) To bunt for, kill and take Whales, sears the several products thereof and market Law-Butler Building Phone No. 2 easewhere, and manufacture, cure and pack pound nets, trups, weirs, set nets, nan . beers and other fixed appliances and purse ALFRED CARSS. movable appliances for catching han; and maintain pound nets, traps, weirs, set seets, hish wheels and other appliances, | examing ush; (d) To acquire, purchase, Office-Albert Block, Second & people. catch, take, buy, hold, store, pack pre-Alex.M. Manson B.A., W.E. Williams. R.A. and otherwise deal in eggs, butter, cheese and dairy products; (4) to conduct abatthe business of purk packing; (5) to esover a certain contract bearing date the and January, 1912, made between Frank rustee for the company, and to issue paid-up shares in accordance therewith; (g) To erect, maintain and operate at suit able places, such stations, factories, waresteam boats and sailing vessels for the

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