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## BEAUTY SHOULD KEEP STEP WITH UTILITY.

The modest petition brought before the council by the Tennis Club, and more particularly the very able argument made by Rev. Warren McLeod for an athletic ground, has awakened a general interest in the proposition of a public park and goes beyond that. It is felt that as far as possible all public work, although it has to be confined to bare utilitarian features just at present, should always be undertaken and carried out in consonance with a general plan to make the city beautiful as the work progresses.

We have already such a general plan, prepared by leading landscape artists and planners of large cities, and although this cannot possibly be carried out for some years it should never be lost sight of. It calls not only for the public recreation ground in the creation of which tentative efforts are soon to be started, but for terracing the cliffs and parking the little nooks here and there that will be little beauty spots for the surprise of the incoming visitors and tourists. It must be remembered that there will be a much larger number of tourists coming here this season than ever before; it must not be forgotten that next year is the year the transcontinental opens; that this opening will be widely advertised all over the world and bring intending investors in great crowds.

True, little can be done in the way of beautifying just at present, but the thought of it should be kept in the foreground in every public work undertaken. Rev. McLeod spoke of the millions Chicago was spending to beautify that city with public parks and breathing spots. But Chicago is merely catching up, at an enormous expense, with the municipal neglect of half a century. Winnipeg is a comparatively young city and yet is stricken with a consciousness of its defects and is seeking to remedy them. To do so means to tear down before she can build up; to have to condemn and purchase property before the municipal improvements can be carried out.

Recently Winnipeg sent for Mr. Walter D. Moody, manager-director of the Chicago Plan Commission, and his interest in that city feeling its way toward systematic town-planning was generously cordial. "With your wide streets and buildings of moderate height you should have but little to undo. You are beginning where we ought to have begun forty or fifty years ago. What an opportunity you have."

What an opportunity compared with Chicago was the meaning of this enthusiastic remark, for Winnipeg has much to do. But taking the statement as it stands, while that city should have "little to undo" Prince Rupert should have none. We have a city planned on the most beautiful modern lines, and the beautifying of our city must be far less costly if it is carried out hand in hand with all modern improvements, even those of pressing necessity. But a very little work in this direction would catch the attention of the visitor, give him a clearer idea and keener appreciation of our plan of city building, and would advertise Prince Rupert everywhere.

## COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S CHANGE OF BASE.

When Colonel Roosevelt had nearly finished his first term as President and was a candidate for election, he said:

"On the fourth of March I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years constitutes my first term. The wise custom which limits the President to two terms, regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I again be a candidate for or accept another nomination for President."

Was this a pledge, or a prediction, or a declaration of intention? Colonel Roosevelt is a candidate for renomination. He is either breaking a pledge, or falsifying a prediction, or announcing a change of opinion and purpose.

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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 for 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 and to the detriment of the province as a whole.

We hold that agricultural land should be disposed of only on such conditions as will ensure its continuous use and occupation.

Free homesteads to actual settlers. Holders of pre-emptions to be given benefit of this provision.

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

Surveys of all accessible agricultural lands to be rapidly completed, 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 speculator.

### 2. Transportation.

The immediate construction of a railway to Peace River.

We will co-operate with the Dominion government in securing all-rail connection between the railway systems of Vancouver Island and the railway systems of the mainland.

The construction of a line owned by the government to give direct communication, by the best route as to grades and distances, between the Similkameen and other interior points and the coast.

We favor the husbanding of the Provincial credit to assist lines that will open up new territory.

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 giving away Crown lands for town-sites 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 railway and highway construction.

All franchises for the construction, operation and ownership of leasing of government-aided roads to be open for public competition.

Freight, passenger and express rates and telegraph tolls of all government-aided roads to be under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Railway Commission.

With a view to meeting the demand for the transportation of grain from Saskatchewan and Alberta, the immediate construction of government-owned elevators.

The people to control the railways, and not the railways the people.

### 3. Timber.

We condemn without reserve the wholesale disposal of timber lands to speculators, which has been the only timber policy of the present government.

We advocate the survey, cruising and valuation of timber lands by the government before alienation, and the disposal of all such lands by public competition to actual users.

Improved methods of preventing timber waste and systematized reforestation.

Hand loggers licenses to be granted where conditions demand.

### 4. Public Protection in Respect to Coal.

Coal lands not to be alienated, but leased under conditions to be fixed periodically by the legislature.

Wherever practicable and necessary government operation of coal mines to be at once undertaken with a view to reduction of existing prices.

We insist upon the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the present exorbitant coal prices.

### 5. Practical Education.

We condemn the present educational autocracy of the government.

We recommend the appointment of a representative advisory board in educational matters, such as exists in all other provinces.

The present school curriculum is so overloaded with subjects as to render thorough education in any branch impossible.

We advocate an increase of

manual and agricultural training and domestic science teaching, and the establishment of an efficient system of technical schools.

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

### 6. Representation.

The government's policy as to revision of the voters' lists and precipitating the present election without a proper redistribution of constituencies is a complete subversion of all the privileges of representative government.

We favor personal registration and insist on immediate redistribution.

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

### 7. Taxation.

Abolition of the poll tax.

Exemption of improvements on all lands paying taxes to the 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 districts.

### 8. Labor—Workmen's Compensation Without Litigation.

A Provincial department of labor to be created, and a free government labor bureau established.

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

The complete prohibition of 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 litigation, and giving employers the benefit of accident insurance at minimum cost.

The extension of the scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act, so as to cover all hazardous employments.

The payment of wages should be made at least fortnightly.

### 9. Oriental Immigration.

We unhesitatingly condemn the hypocrisy of the Provincial government as evidenced by its refusal to re-enact its own remedy—the Natal Act—on the ground that it would embarrass the Conservative Dominion government.

We stand for a "White British Columbia," and advocate continuously increasing stringency in immigration laws until this result is attained. The Liberals of British Columbia are in favor of the total exclusion of Orientals from the Province.

We insist that the Provincial authorities shall enforce strict sanitary regulations in all congested districts.

### 10. Extension of Municipal Powers.

Increase of local control in municipal matters.

Election of license and police commissioners by popular vote.

### 11. Public Ownership of Utilities.

We emphatically declare our adherence to the principle of public ownership of public utilities, and advocate limitation of terms of franchise to corporations, renewing the same, if in the public interest, in equitable terms.

### 12. Local Control of Liquor Traffic.

The liquor traffic of British Columbia is at present under the absolute control of the Provincial government, and is used by it as a political machine.

We insist upon the complete removal of the liquor question from party politics.

The control of the traffic should be vested in municipalities, or in unorganized territory, in locally elected authorities.

We favor a local option law.

In the protection of the public we insist on frequent inspection of liquor offered for sale.

### 13. Public Accounts.

We denounce the McBride government for withholding year after year the public accounts from examination by the Public Accounts Committee.

We advocate the organization of an auditor general's department, independent of the government.

### 14. Fishery Control.

We advocate immediate steps

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### 15. Protection of Water Supply.

We condemn the shortsighted policy of the Provincial government in alienating the timber lands on watersheds tributary to cities, towns and municipalities. It should be the immediate duty of the government to remedy the mischief caused by this mistaken policy.

### 16. Torrens System of Registration of Title.

The present system of land registration is expensive and cumbersome. We advocate the adoption of the Torrens system of titles, and a reduction of registration fees.

### 17. Non-Partisan Civil Service.

We favor the organization of a civil service commission for both inside and outside services. Appointments to the civil service should be based on fitness, and not on partisan service.

## EASY BUILDING TO HUDSON BAY

Missionary States That Few Topographical Difficulties Will Be Encountered in Proposed Railroad to Fort Churchill.

Toronto, March 7.—Rev. H. Faries, an Anglican missionary to the Indians at York Factory on Hudson's Bay, is in the city. The building of the proposed railway to Hudson's Bay will not be a very difficult matter, Mr. Faries said today, for the land, which is generally referred to as wide-spreading stretches of muskeg, is really level land with a good bottom and a little draining will obviate all difficulty from water. Mr. Faries is quite convinced that under normal conditions navigation will be possible for four months in the year, but whether it will be commercially practicable, however, is another thing.

### Nanaimo Paper Sold.

Victoria, March 9.—The Herald, a morning paper published in Nanaimo, has been purchased from Mr. A. N. Mowat by Mr. J. S. H. Matson, proprietor of the Vancouver News-Advertiser and the Victoria Colonist.

## NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that under the First Part of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, known as "The Companies Act," letters patent have been issued under the seal of the Secretary of State of Canada, bearing date the 12th day of January, 1912, incorporating Frank Evans of the Town of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, merchant; John Gilbert Beatty, broker; Richmond Wythe Hart, barrister-at-law; George Merle Miller, student-at-law; Pearl Stokes and Jessie Strachan, stenographers; and William Morris, clerk, all of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, for the following purposes, viz: To acquire, hold, lease, purchase, improve, develop, and to act as general traders in and through the Province of British Columbia, to buy, hold, sell and rent fishing licenses for pound nets, traps, weirs, set nets, fish traps, and other fixed appliances and devices; to acquire, hold, lease, purchase, improve, develop, and to act as general traders in and through the Province of British Columbia, to buy, hold, sell and rent fishing licenses for pound nets, traps, weirs, set nets, fish traps, and other fixed appliances and devices; 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