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NOT A "FRIEND AT COURT" BUT A FIGHTER.

"In an effort to keep the party together the Liberals of the city last night named a candidate."—The Trombone.

It would have been news to citizens generally to state when, how and why the Liberal party of this city got broken up and scattered. It is only a few months since there was a federal election, and the party then made a fight against the Both-Feet-in-the-Trough party that will be remembered for some time. It will be regretfully recalled by them fourteen days from date.

The Liberal party of this city has never been split up into cliques and factions as is the Conservative party of the city today. There are no protesting Progressives in its ranks, condemning the rule or ruin element an dclaiming a right to freedom of opinion. All the Liberals are progressives, united for progress and the best interests of the city and not for the spoils of party. They are as united now as they were at the last election. They have added to their numbers because of the general disaffection in the Conservative ranks and the disgust of citizens generally at the abuses worked by the Two-Man government and the supineness of the local member.

The Liberals are confident of making even a better showing this time than last. They are stronger and they have more to fight for. Then it was a fight for the general principles of reciprocity; now it is a specific fight for home; for our city so scandalously robbed and jobbed by McBride and the horde of hirelings paid to support him.

"Prince Rupert and the Skeena has much to expect from the government in the next few years. It needs a friend at court."—The Trombone.

The policy of the government we are asked to support is to keep us expecting for "the next few years" and then some. We need no friend at court. We have tried that and found it absolutely worthless. The "friend at court" we are asked to support is not a free and independent citizen, but a servile flunky of the court, one to whom his master's wink or nod is a command. We need a champion at court to fight for the people's rights; a man of youthful enthusiasm and virile force; a man of trained logical mentality ever ready with intellectual expedients to wage honest battle for his city and his home, and in Alex. M. Manson, the candidate selected for the whole people by the Liberal party of the city, such a well-armored champion is presented.

Reports from different parts of the province indicate that a large crop of independent Conservative candidates is springing up. This promises well for the election of Liberals in what have hitherto been regarded as Conservative strongholds.—Vancouver World.

Announcement is made of a general election in British Columbia in March. As the Liberals are represented in the legislature by one lone member they have not much to lose and should welcome the chance to increase their representation in the house. The Liberals in British Columbia, on the showing made in both the local and Dominion elections, constitute some 40 per cent. of the voting population, yet they have only one representative in the legislature and none at all at Ottawa.—Halifax Chronicle.

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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 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 railway and highway construction.

All franchises for the construction, operation and ownership or 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 reafforestation.

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 unhesitating 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 saie.

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 to restore the fishing industry to white fishermen.

The protection of British Columbia fisheries from foreign poachers.

The adequate policing of Canadian waters.

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.

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London, March 8.—Led by Miss Alice Wright, an American, a score or more militant suffragettes who were sentenced to Holloway prison at hard labor are defying the jail authorities. When ordered to the robing room to remove their street clothing, take the customary bath and don prison garb, the women not only refused, but attacked the prison matron and her assistants. The matron and one of her assistants had all their clothing torn from their bodies, and finally were forced to use fetters to carry their point.

More trouble occurred when the women prisoners were ordered to the work room to sew bags. At a given signal the suffragettes tore the machines apart and soon the entire work room was in an uproar. Order was restored when the governor of the prison ordered the ringleaders into solitary confinement.

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 Beaty, broker; Richmond Wyllie Hart, barrister-at-law; George Merle Miller, student-at-law; Pearl Stokes and Jessie Strachan, stenographers, and Winnifred Morgan, clerk, all six of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, for the following purposes, viz: (a) To hunt for, kill and take whales, seals and fish and other marine animals of every kind on the coast of British Columbia and elsewhere, and manufacture, cure and pack the several products thereof and market the same, and to act as general traders in these products; (b) To acquire, purchase, run, hold, sell and rent fishing licenses for pound nets, traps, weirs, set nets, fish wheels and other fixed appliances and purse nets; drag seines and other seines and movable appliances for catching fish; (c) To acquire, hold, sell, lease, rent and dispose of locations upon which to construct and maintain pound nets, traps, weirs, set nets, fish wheels and other appliances, whether fixed or movable for catching or retaining fish; (d) To acquire, purchase, catch, take, buy, hold, store, pack preserve, sell, export, dispose of and distribute fish of all kinds; and to engage in the propagation of salmon and other food fishes; (e) To carry on the business of warehousing and cold storage company in all its branches, and for that purpose (1) to operate and maintain conveyances for transportation and cold storage by land or water of any and all products, goods or manufactured articles; (2) to issue certificates and warrants negotiable or otherwise, to persons warehousing goods with the company; (3) to raise, purchase, sell and otherwise deal in eggs, butter, cheese and all other farm, field, orchard, garden and dairy products; (4) to conduct abattoirs or slaughter houses, to slaughter all kinds of animals and manufacture, purchase, sell and otherwise deal in meats, fertilizers, fat, tallow and other substances derived from the said animals and carry on the business of pork packing; (5) to establish and maintain wholesale and retail shops and generally to carry on any business undertaking which may be conveniently carried on with the above; (f) To take over a certain contract bearing date the 2nd January, 1912, made between Frank Evans as vendor and C. H. C. Leggott as trustee for the company, and to issue paid-up shares in accordance therewith; (g) To erect, maintain and operate at suitable places, such stations, factories, warehouses, offices, buildings and works, and the necessary plant, engines, machinery and fixtures and to do all or any of these things that seem to be needful to be done to carry out the objects for which this company is formed and as herein set forth, and to pay for same in whole or in part in fully paid-up shares of the company; (h) To build, own, lease, hire, purchase, charter or otherwise acquire and operate steamboats and sailing vessels for the purposes of the company, and to build, equip and operate wharves, docks, elevators and other works, buildings or appliances, and collect wharfage and storage charges for the use of its wharves and buildings and in connection therewith to carry passengers and freights and collect charges therefor; (i) To acquire by lease or otherwise the assets, property, plant, machinery, undertaking, business, goodwill and stock in trade or services of any person or company carrying on any trade or business which this company is authorized to carry on, or similar o rindidental thereto or capable of being operated in conjunction therewith, to operate and to pay for the same in cash or in shares, bonds or other securities of this company, or partly in cash and partly in stock, bonds or other securities of this company; (j) To purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and to own and hold the shares, bonds or other securities of any manufacturing or other corporation carrying on any business similar to that of the company, notwithstanding the provisions of section 44 of the said Act; (k) To amalgamate with any other company having objects similar to or identical with this company, and to pay for same in shares, bonds or other securities, or partly in cash and partly in shares, bonds or other securities of this company, and to operate and carry on the business of such amalgamated company; (l) To allot, issue and deliver as fully paid up shares, bonds or other securities of the company in payment of sites, licenses, plant, machinery, services, good-will or other valuable consideration as may be arranged or agreed upon by the directors of this company; (m) To enter into any arrangement with authorities, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the company may think desirable to obtain and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions; (n) To draw, make, execute, endorse, discount, accept and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants and other negotiable and transferable instruments; (o) To lend money to customers and others having dealings with the company and to guarantee the performance of contracts by any such persons; (p) To remunerate any person, firm or company for services rendered or to be rendered in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any of the shares of the company's capital or any bonds or other securities of the company, or in or about the formation, promotion, organization or incorporation of the company or the conduct of its business; (q) To pay all or any costs, charges or expenses preliminary or incidental to or incurred in connection with the promotion, organization, formation, establishment, registration and incorporation of the company; (r) To apply for, purchase or otherwise acquire, any patent, licenses, concessions and the like, conferring any exclusive or non-exclusive, or limited right to use, or any secret or other information as to any invention which may seem capable of being used for any of the purposes of the company, or the acquisition of which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to benefit the company, and to use, exercise, develop or grant licenses in respect of, or otherwise turn to account the property, rights or information so acquired; (s) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing of profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise, with any person or company carrying on or engaged in or about to carry on or engage in any business or transaction which the company is authorized to carry on or engage in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the company; and to lend money to, guarantee the contracts of, or otherwise assist any such person or company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, reissue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same; (t) To promote any company or companies for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of the company, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the company; (u) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire, any personal property and any rights or privileges which the company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business, and in particular any machinery, plant, stock in trade; 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(y) To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the company; (z) To do all or any of the above things as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others; (aa) To procure the company to be registered in any foreign country and to designate persons therein according to the laws of such foreign country to represent the company and to accept service for and in behalf of the company of any process or suit; (bb) And, generally to carry on any business which may seem to the company capable of being conveniently or profitably carried on in connection with the above or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the company's property or rights, and to do all and everything necessary, suitable and convenient or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the objects herein enumerated or incidental to the powers herein named, or which shall at any time appear to be conducive or expedient for the protection or benefit of the company. 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