

# MY PLATFORM

## To the Electors of the District of Temiskaming:

The time to election day is short. Realizing that it may be impossible for me to meet every elector face to face, I use this medium to lay before you the planks of the platform on which I seek election as your member, so that you may exercise your judgment with full knowledge of what I stand for.

Without desiring to cast any reflection on my opponents I wish to say that I believe my platform and my principles are worthy most of your support. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is my platform:-

### 1 Moderate Protection of Our Natural Resources and Industries.

This is as plain as it can be made. The splendid leader of the National Liberal and Conservative Party, the Right Honorable Arthur Meighen, makes it just as plain. Clear cut, no hedging, no switching of policy (one thing for the East and one thing for the West) but a policy for All Canada, and a policy of no favoritism. That is Mr. Meighen's Policy, and it is mine, as a farmer, a business man, but first a Canadian. No looting of our natural resources, no throwing out of work of the men of our cities and towns, no special benefits to any class, but a policy of full development of our natural resources and industries to the fair advantage of the nation as a whole. I believe in Protection of the Canadian workingman against the workingman of other countries, I believe in the Protection of the Farmer against the farmer of other countries and I believe in the Protection of the Capital invested in Canada.

### 2 Careful Revision of the Immigration Act.

The world war has changed world conditions, and our Immigration Act will have to be changed to meet these changed conditions. Millions of people would like to come to Canada; some of these we want; some we do not want. The kind we want are those who are kin to us in spirit, with similar aspirations and ambitions, people who will help make Canada a greater country. And as the time is fast approaching when our portals will be thrown wide to the people we desire, and as Northern Ontario, I fully believe, will be the future homes of hundreds of thousands, it is imperative that we, the pioneers, welcome the peoples who have shown here, in Temiskaming, an adaptability to conditions, and sympathy with Canadian aims and institutions.

### 3 The Development of Northern Ontario by Railways.

Vital to the growth of Northern Ontario is railway expansion. With the building of the T. & N. O., and the Canadian National Lines through the North we have seen towns spring where forests stood, smiling farms blossom from the clearings, great mines grow from claim stakes, and huge mills converting the virgin forest into products of the widest usefulness. This growth and expansion have attracted men of skill, intelligence and courage and the conviction that this Northland is destined to a wonderful future. All we see to-day is a promise, brought by the railways. But I firmly hold that the working out of our destiny and the deserved prosperity of the people of Temiskaming, and their children, depends upon the expansion of railway facilities with regard to mineral enrichment, forest wealth, and soil fertility.

### 4 Official Investigation and Advertising of Temiskaming's Natural Wealth.

The white man's foot has trod but a smaller part of this constituency of Temiskaming. Many of its waterways have never seen his canoe. The Northern reaches are unmapped and unexplored. Our own successes, to date, give us a glimpse of what Temiskaming contains in natural wealth. I declare for full and complete investigation of the entire District by experts in each of the branches of our resources. And I am for a policy that will advertise to the world our riches, so that capital will be induced to take up the prospectors' claims, develop our water powers, and convert our forests into merchantable products, these in turn widening the markets of our workmen and farmers.

### 5 Legislative Assistance to Opening up of the Country.

Government sympathy and support is essential to the development of our North country. My earnest endeavors will be on election, to supply the government with essential information regarding Temiskaming. And I will work for legislation assisting the development of Temiskaming in its agricultural lands, timber resources, and mineral lands, yet scarcely touched. Government sympathy, sincere and open, is essential to the development of Temiskaming, and I shall work for it.

### 6 Immediate and Practical Relief for Those in Distress.

I would not be content to sit idly in the House of Commons, drawing my indemnity, while among my constituents are men, women and little children suffering distress. Not by pre-election promises; promises to support mythical theories that may never be introduced before Parliament; but by supporting measures leading toward immediate action will I work for those of my constituents who are in distress. The unfortunate conditions that have overtaken many are the result of the war, and must be met with prompt measures, not with campaign talk.

### 7 Reconstruction following War.

The soldiers who fought for us are the first charge on Canada's consideration in this period of reconstruction, after we have cared for the dependent kin of those who bravely laid down their lives that Canada might live. I am for a continuance, and an enlargement where advisable of Canada's policy of pensions to maimed soldiers (the most generous of all fighting nations) and preference in employment to all returned soldiers, both governmental and public. The war brought in its wake

many problems requiring solving. I feel I have an understanding of the effect of the war upon Canada and what it took out of the lives of those who came in contact with it; and I shall work for a reconstruction of the country with our humanity first in view.

### 8 Respect for the Ideas of All Constituents.

I do not think I have a mortgage on all the knowledge in Temiskaming. Its diverse activities, its widespread boundaries, make comprehensive representation difficult. But I have always been willing to learn, and no one can charge me with avoiding sympathy towards my fellow citizens of Temiskaming, regardless of trade, class, race or creed, or avoiding endeavoring to learn their special problems and their special hopes. I shall gratefully receive the opinions, suggestions and requests of every citizen of the District of Temiskaming.

### 9 Canada's Development Along Harmonious Lines

Intolerance works mankind's greatest harm. The future of Canada does not lie in the antagonism of one class against another. It will be my earnest endeavor, and I shall consider it a duty, at all times to promote legislation in the interests of harmony, co-operation and success among all classes for the development of a happy, contented and prosperous people.

I request the vote and influence of not only every Conservative man and woman, but of every Liberal, Agrarian or Labor man and woman who were Liberal, Agrarian or Labor before this election and who may always remain so but who are in sympathy with my platform and principles in this election.

I am a supporter of the Right Honorable Arthur Meighen and his government but claim the right to use my best judgment at all or any times.

Yours faithfully,

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God Save The King.