

LIBERAL PARTY OF ALBERTA

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION PLATFORM

RESTORATION OF RIGHTS -

GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE

A. Liberal Government Will ...

- reverse the trend to bureaucracy by
 - reducing the number of boards;
 - providing an appeal to the courts from decisions of ministers and boards;
 - appointing a people's advocate to investigate the complaints of citizens of injustice in dealing with government.

- give our Indian population the right to vote and all other privileges of citizenship.

VIGOROUS FARM POLICIES

A Liberal Government Will ...

- establish marketing boards by approval
of a two-thirds majority of those who vote;
- establish a veterinarian college in Alberta;
- create a system of voluntary crop insurance;
- negotiate N.H.A. benefits for rural residents;
- assist in the provision of natural gas and
propane at reasonable cost to rural residents.

ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPAL TAXPAYERS

A Liberal Government Will ...

- pass on a greater share of provincial revenue
to municipalities, to keep down your rising
local property taxes.

SOUND HIGHWAY & ROAD DEVELOPMENT

A Liberal Government Will ...

- establish a non-political highway commission;
- complete a second north-south highway;
- introduce compulsory automobile insurance;
- ensure Albertans access to all-weather roads.

POWER AND WATER RESOURCES OWNED
AND CONTROLLED BY THE PEOPLE -
FOR THE PEOPLE

The Need

- Low cost electricity throughout Alberta.
- Co-ordinated development of power resources.
- Integration of power development with conservation and control of our dwindling water resources.

The Solution

A Liberal Government Will ...

- buy out private power companies;
- pay a fair negotiated price;
- accept a price fixed by the courts if agreement is not possible;
- create an independent Power Corporation that will guarantee freedom from political control, interference or patronage;
- ensure that sufficient reserves of power will be available to all parts of Alberta at the lowest possible rates for domestic, agricultural and industrial uses;
- guarantee no interference with any existing municipally-owned public power system;
- guarantee security of present employees of power companies in every respect;
- operate Alberta's power resources on sound business principles.

The Solution - Cont'd

A Liberal Government Will ...

- purchase Rural Electrification distribution systems if they want to sell;
- establish a Department of Water Resources to guarantee conservation and control of river water for domestic, agricultural and industrial purposes;
- commence action on approved dams and diversion projects.

SOUND AND DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER RESOURCES

OIL AND GAS

A Liberal Government Will ...

- authorize the sale of Alberta's natural gas to Alberta industrial and residential consumers at lower rates than those charged to purchasers outside Alberta, thereby enabling lower cost domestic gas rates for Alberta residents and fostering industry in Alberta;
- improve and enforce regulations to provide effective control of air and water pollution;
- provide at least one annual sale of crown oil and gas rights, on a highest royalty instead of a cash bonus basis.

FORESTS

A Liberal Government Will ...

- ensure conservation and re-forestation;
- encourage joint lumber and pulp operations to make full use of our timber resources;
- encourage independent operations on a sustained yield basis.

PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

A Liberal Government Will ...

- create a provincial development fund to stimulate investment in Alberta by Albertans;
- every Alberta citizen will be able to buy shares;
- money raised will be invested in Alberta industries to revitalize Alberta's economy, provide jobs, keep control of Alberta industry in Alberta hands;
- the fund will enable Albertans to share in tar sands and similar developments.

A HEALTHY PEOPLE

A Liberal Government Will ...

- implement a comprehensive medical insurance scheme;
- permit fluoridation on a majority vote;
- develop a long-range co-ordinated program for health, hospital and social services.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEEDY WITHOUT WASTE

A Liberal Government Will ...

- provide welfare services to assist citizens in need because of age, misfortune or handicap;
- eliminate present handouts to the undeserving;
- restore and rehabilitate welfare recipients to gainful living;
- tie supplementary allowances for the aged and handicapped to cost of living index.

A BRIGHT FUTURE.
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

A Liberal Government Will ...

- raise educational and teaching standards;
- provide additional provincial vocational training schools in smaller centres;
- base the property tax for education on a rate not to exceed 25 mills on an equalized assessment;
- restore control of education to local authorities.

AN EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE

A Liberal Government Will ...

- restore the confidence of the people in the Department of Public Works;
- improve the efficiency of the Department of Highways;
- immediately, with skillest assistance, assess the operation and cost of your government.

LABOUR - MANAGEMENT HARMONY

A Liberal Government Will ...

- continue to stand for free collective bargaining between labour and management;
- strengthen the conciliation service by paying highly qualified conciliators adequately in order to avert industrial disputes;
- create an impartial Research Service to obtain ~~fact~~ facts about threatened disputes.
- implement a portable pension plan,