

*A Message
from
Ray Perrault*

Dear Friend,

One of the most significant political conventions in the history of British Columbia took place at the University of British Columbia in May, 1959. This two-day meeting marked the re-birth of the Liberal Party in British Columbia. Over five hundred delegates from all parts of the province met to draft a "Blueprint for British Columbia".

This plan of action is a people's program—drafted by the people and shaped to meet the great human needs of British Columbians. By any standard, it is a program of practical, responsible and realizable reform.

Based upon a province-wide survey of personal opinion, and months of work by specialized committees with expert and lay members, our "Blueprint" offers practical instead of "doctrinaire" solutions to provincial problems. Our Liberal "Blueprint" attempts to "signpost" a Liberal Society in a free community.

This little pamphlet presents some of the highlights from the new Liberal program.

If, after reading it, you have any questions or comments, we would be delighted to hear from you. Better still, we invite you to join the Liberal Party. Wherever you live—whatever your present political persuasion—a friendly welcome awaits you. Our re-invigorated Liberal Party is the party for the young and the young in heart!

Yours very truly,

RAY PERRAULT,
*Leader, Liberal Party
of British Columbia.*

The Liberal **BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE** *places your welfare FIRST!*

The greatest resource of this fortunate Province of British Columbia is its people. Your welfare must be placed first . . . all else follows. Liberals believe in a program with a *heart*.

There is no place for boasts of prosperity as long as there are people in this province who are faced with great human problems that government action could help to solve.

There is no place for boasting while opportunities for the development of human potentialities are lacking for the young . . . and for older folk who did not have a chance to develop their God-given talents when they were younger.

Place your confidence in the LIBERAL PARTY.—
Here is just part of our LIBERAL BLUEPRINT
FOR PROGRESS.

Low Cost Public Power

All the great hydro electric resources of our Province, in the future, must be developed rapidly by the government to provide **LOW COST POWER** for the consuming public and industry. Low cost **PUBLIC** hydro is the way to attract and keep industry in B.C.

Help for Chronically Ill

There have been enough promises. Hospital Insurance must be extended now to cover the countless tragedies created by chronic illness . . . and we need a sound program of chronic hospital construction. Taxes collected for health must not be misappropriated.

Medical Insurance for All

Liberals will provide financial help for those who cannot obtain membership in a voluntary pre-paid medical scheme (MSA-type). But the doctor-patient relationship and free choice of doctor will be maintained.

Aid to Needy Senior Citizens at 60

In conjunction with the Federal Government, Liberals will extend Old Age Assistance to needy persons of 60 years of age and over.

End Labour-Management Strife With Profit-Sharing and Co-ownership

PROFIT-SHARING and **CO-OWNERSHIP** are ultimate Liberal goals. Liberals want to secure the spread of wealth to more and more people throughout the community and to promote widespread ownership. A **NATION OF OWNERS** is our ultimate goal. We do not want the concentration of wealth in the hands of the state. We believe in your right to personal ownership. We will work toward the establishment of various types of profit-sharing, employee shareholding and co-ownership plans to help make industry and employees **PARTNERS IN INDUSTRY**.

All agreements entered into by both sides must be by free choice. There must be no compulsion by government. Trade unions can play a vital and important role in establishing this new "partnership". Trade union members can provide greater security for themselves by participation in the future of Canada through capital gains.

Liberals stand for free collective bargaining with a minimum of legislation or intervention by government.

A Liberal Government will strengthen the conciliation service by hiring the best and most qualified men and pay them top salaries. Stop disputes before they lead to strikes and lockouts.

Appoint a five-man Labour Relations Board who will work for industrial peace on a **FULL-TIME** basis.

We **OPPOSE** compulsory arbitration—except where public health or safety are directly threatened.

Set up an impartial Research Service to help both industry, labour and the public obtain objective information.

Justice for Civil Servants

Liberals will give civil servants the right to bargain collectively . . . will treat their elected representatives with respect.

Protect the Consumer

A Liberal government will give special attention to the fight against fraud in all its forms . . . coordinate activities of volunteer bodies . . . and enact new consumer protection legislation if it is found to be necessary.

Restore Mental Health Services

We will hire adequate competent staff to give B.C. citizens a high standard of mental health care . . . no more penny-pinching. Services must be decentralized to serve the whole of the Province.

Equal Justice for All

Rich or poor, Liberals believe that every man has a right to be adequately defended in court. We will establish a system of PUBLIC DEFENDERS to protect the individual.

Liberals advocate a wide range of basic reforms to keep our judicial system an effective weapon against the wielding of arbitrary power against the citizen.

WE WILL GRANT EVERY CITIZEN THE RIGHT TO SUE THE CROWN FOR WRONGS DONE BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT REQUIRING THE PERMISSION OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Equality of Educational Opportunities in All Parts of British Columbia

Liberals will extend educational opportunities by providing free tuition for two years after leaving school at University, Technical schools, etc. This will be coupled with the national Liberal plan for annual scholarships and bursaries and loan funds for worthy students.

University tuition fees must be reduced so that no student will be turned away because of financial need.

The university and associated colleges must be endowed with some of this Province's natural resources as is done in other countries.

Liberals will set up community college and vocational training centres in various parts of British Columbia.

The native Indian population must be given a chance to have the education and vocational training given to others.

Help to Local School Boards and Teachers

Teachers' salaries must be at a high level. The authority and autonomy of local school boards should be restored—and the school boards must be given a fairer share of educational costs by the Provincial Government.

End Hocus-Pocus Financing

The Liberal pledge: honest accounting methods . . . no financial hocus-pocus to confuse and mislead the public. People have a right to all the facts.

A Fair Deal for Municipalities

Liberals want a fair distribution of the tax burden. A Liberal government will convene a conference with the Union of B.C. Municipalities in order to study their proposals and to bring relief to municipal taxpayers.

Protect the Small Logger

Public working circles must be reserved for the small logger . . . holders of tree farm licenses will be kept out. Present tree farm licenses to be re-surveyed as to size and requirements—reducing those which are too large; putting any excess into public working circles for the small logger; and increasing in size those which have proved to be too small.

Restore Confidence in Mining

Re-establish stability in mining legislation and restore confidence in B.C. as a favourable area for mineral exploration.

Fair Deal for the Farmer

Relief from excess taxation on lands used exclusively for farming . . . diagnostic laboratory facilities to be extended to the farmers . . . establishment of Department of Irrigation and an Agricultural Advisory Board.

Adjust Welfare Payments to Living Costs

We will review annually the amounts paid for social assistance and for mother's allowance. It is callous to raise these payments only in an election year.

Compulsory Automobile Insurance

Liberals believe that no automobile should be allowed on the road without adequate insurance. Other motorists and pedestrians are entitled to immediate compensation if they are injured. The human tragedy of an accident victim unable to receive prompt compensation because the driver was not insured must be corrected.

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LIBERAL BLUEPRINT

Send a postcard to B.C. LIBERAL ASSOCIATION, 560
Howe Street, Vancouver 1, B.C.

If you would like to become an active Liberal, we will be pleased to send you full details on membership and those organizations within the party of special interest to you. Write to the above address for information.

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