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Establish full diplomatic and trade relations with People's China.

### 3. A MADE-IN-CANADA CONSTITUTION PROTECT DEMOCRACY

Canada needs a new constitution—drawn up by Canadians.

Maintain provincial rights in full.

Guarantee the irrevocable rights of the people of Quebec to provincial autonomy and to full national self-determination.

A Canadian Bill of Rights.

The right to vote in federal elections at the age of 18.

Full rights of citizenship to the native Indian population without any loss of their treaty rights.

A Canadian flag.

The supremacy of Canada's parliament.

Abolish the death penalty.

## Liberal Platform of 1957

[From the campaign speeches of Louis St. Laurent, *The Cape Breton Post*, May-June, 1957]

### ONE ELECTION PROMISE

"We promise we will do our best to administer, according to our experience and judgment, for the benefit of the Canadian people."

### AGRICULTURE

"We are sometimes told that the government should exercise a much more rigid control of agriculture in Canada, tell the farmers what to grow; and then, having made them follow our instructions, take it upon ourselves to guarantee a set price for their products.

"That is just not the Liberal way of doing things. And I don't think it is the Canadian way either.

"We don't feel the Canadian farmer wants to be regimented and told how to operate his farm. We think that if he has all the facts before him he can very well decide for himself what crops he should grow and expect to market."

### COLUMBIA RIVER

Harnessing of British Columbia's Columbia River for power.

### TAXES

A policy of reducing taxes year by year "because we believe taxes should be reduced whenever possible."

### TAX-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS

"We think it would be a very dangerous thing for Ontario and for Canada—and a disastrous thing for the Atlantic provinces and the Prairie provinces—if the Conservative party was allowed to upset the present tax-sharing arrangements with the provinces."

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The Liberal administration now was ready to take "new and important steps" in the development of the national capital. This matter would be high on the agenda of the next Parliament.

### NATIONAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE

"We only invite the provinces to set up their own hospital system as you [the people] want them, and we will reimburse half the hospital costs."

### DEFENSE SPENDING

"If you don't want this spending to guard against Communist aggression—against Communist designs—to continue then it is your duty to put us out of office."

## Progressive Conservative Platform of 1957

[*A New National Policy* (Ottawa: The Progressive Conservative Party of Canada, 1957)]

### At the Crossroads

Can anyone doubt that Canada stands at a crossroads in her history? This is a time for greatness in planning for her future. Unity requires it—freedom demands it—vision now will ensure it.

We have a choice—a road to greatness in faith