

1. REMOVE HOSPITAL PREMIUM TAX

The PREMIUM TAX will be removed as soon as a Special Session of the Legislature can be convened following the election. The Hospital Care Plan will be continued for the benefit of ALL citizens of New Brunswick and financed from the General Revenue Fund. NO further premium will be collected!

2. RURAL ROADS NEEDED NOW

We will begin AT ONCE to rebuild the Secondary and Branch Roads system in the rural areas. These are the trade arteries of our forest, agriculture, fishing and mining industries, and neglect of them is retarding development. * Our Main Trunk Highways are interprovincial, being the only road links between the other Atlantic Provinces and the rest of Canada. Federal participation in their cost will be vigorously sought. * To assist trade, industry and employment, spring weight restrictions on Main Trunk Highways will be eliminated (as in the State of Maine) on a trial basis. * Public Works expenditures will be brought under the strictest control to ensure full value to the taxpayer.

3. HEALTH & WELFARE

We will give constant attention to measures for improvement of the general Health and Welfare of the people, with particular emphasis on children and older citizens.

YOUTH MINISTRY The Department of Health & Social Services will be divided into a Ministry of Health and a Ministry of YOUTH & WELFARE. An energetic program of assistance will be instituted to encourage our young people to remain in and help build New Brunswick.

CHILD WELFARE We will press Ottawa to extend Family Allowance payments for students to age 18. * We will give special attention to overcoming the causes of malnutrition in children and to the needs of mentally retarded and cerebral palsied children.

LOWER DRUG COSTS .. The high cost of many drugs prevents many sick persons from obtaining necessary medication. We will launch an investigation into prices at the provincial level and urge that the federal government institute a national probe.

LOW-RENTAL HOUSING..We will promote construction of low-rental housing accommodation for older citizens on fixed incomes, and also a cooperative housing program to reduce construction costs.

4. FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

The road-blocks to our economic and social progress MUST BE REMOVED. At Ottawa on July 25th WE WILL DEMAND:

(a) Exploration of tariff arrangements which would permit reciprocal trade on Specific Items between the Atlantic Provinces and the Eastern United States under a Common Market Plan.

(b) A NEW TRANSPORTATION POLICY that would provide for

(i) immediate construction of the CHIGNECTO CANAL

(ii) reduced freight rates permitting competitive access to Central Canadian markets and reduced cost of goods purchased from those provinces.

(iii) Restoration of shipping services between New Brunswick and the West Indies

(c) Relaxation of the federal TIGHT MONEY POLICY and its restrictions upon farmers, fishermen, lumbermen and small business.

(d) An Atlantic Provinces Capital Projects Development Fund.

(e) Tax Incentives for existing and prospective industry in the Atlantic Provinces.

(f) A larger share of the national tax dollar under the Tax Rental Agreement.

5. EDUCATION IN THE 1960's

Increased financial assistance through interest-free loans will be made available to worthy students. No capable student will be prevented for economic reasons from obtaining advanced education at the university level, or in teaching, nursing, and at technical and trade schools. * Immediate steps will be taken to raise educational standards, and to encourage and assist competent young people to enter and remain in the teaching profession. * Study and revision of the Teachers Pension Act will be undertaken to improve existing conditions. * We will LEAD a movement by provincial Governments in demanding that Ottawa assume its fair share of Education Costs to relieve the heavy tax burden on property owners.

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT

Respect for law and order will be strengthened by elimination of favouritism and discrimination in its enforcement. * We will act vigorously to remove the menace of reckless driving from our highways.

7. LIQUOR CONTROL

Government delinquency in handling the liquor problem is a matter of gravest concern. The present government has failed either to enforce or improve the law.

We will, at the Special Session of the Legislature, establish a Committee, with a Judge as Chairman and including Members of both parties in the Legislature, empowered to call in experts on law, control, alcoholism and highway safety, representatives of the clergy, organized labour and other informed and interested organizations and citizens, to undertake a thorough investigation of the liquor problem. This Committee will be empowered to recommend such improvements in the whole field of liquor control and enforcement as it may consider necessary and valid. WE WILL ACT upon those recommendations.

8. PROPERTY TAX BURDEN

We will pay a larger share of federal subsidies to the municipalities to relieve the crushing tax burden on property owners. The province will assume the cost of all criminal prosecutions now borne by the municipalities.

9. LABOUR RELATIONS

We will promote good Labour Relations through necessary reforms of the law.* The Workmen's Compensation Act will be revised to meet present day requirements. * An Equal Pay Act will be passed. * Strong representations will be made to bring farm labourers within the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act

10. DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

We will restore the democratic rights of your elected representatives in the Legislature.

11. A DRIVE FOR INDUSTRY

A PROVINCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL will be established to join the efforts of Government and Industry in finding new uses and markets for the resources of our forests, farms, fisheries and mines. We will cooperate with APEC and trade organizations in strengthening the economy of the Atlantic area.

AGENCIES will be established in the West Indies Federation, the New England States and Central Canada to seek new markets and new industries.

A MILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRIAL FUND will be set up to assist OUR OWN CITIZENS to establish new industries with low-interest loans.

AGRICULTURE We will make a full-scale study of the

causes of low farm income in close consultation with the New Brunswick Federation of Agriculture. * Farmers will be encouraged and assisted in the production, preparation and marketing of agricultural products, and cooperative marketing will be promoted.

11. A DRIVE FOR INDUSTRY (Cont'd)

AGRICULTURE (Cont'd)

* Increased emphasis will be given to the important relationship between farm and woodlot operations.

* Young people will be encouraged to remain on the farm through active promotion of 4H Clubs and similar youth organizations. * Provincial farm credit facilities will be expanded. * Food Processing and Cold Storage plants are urgently needed and will be promoted.

FISHING A full-time Deputy Minister of Fisheries will be appointed. * Further Cold Storage and Processing facilities will be established. * Both in-shore and deep sea fishermen will be assisted to obtain adequate vessels and equipment.

FORESTS Our VAST FOREST RESOURCES will support new pulp mills and wood-using industries. We will promote full-scale use of our Crown Lands. * Special attention will be given to the problems of smaller woods operators.

MINING New Brunswick has one of the largest bodies of BASE METAL DEPOSITS in the world. Their exploitation to date has benefitted only the stock promoters. We will take appropriate legislative action to provide for the development of our mineral resources in the interest of New Brunswickers. Our minerals will NOT be allowed to lie dormant while other provinces push ahead. * Every assistance will be given our Coal Mining Industry to ensure continuity of employment.

TOURISM & RECREATION .. A FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION will be established. * An open MOOSE SEASON will be introduced on a trial basis. * Cities, towns and municipalities will be assisted in developing fairs, regattas, cultural, scenic and other attractions to bring increased numbers of visitors to our province and for the enjoyment of our own citizens.

ELECTRIC POWER .. The provision of abundant supplies of electric power at lowest possible cost to industrial and domestic users will continue to be our policy. * We will cooperate with Maine in development of the power potential of the St. John River. * We will stop discrimination against the use of New Brunswick Coal in thermal power generation.