

Prairie Manifesto Project

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AA = Alberta Alliance
CON = Conservative Party
LP = Liberal-Progressive Party
PC = Progressive Conservative Party
SKP = Saskatchewan Party
UFM = United Farmers of Manitoba

CCF = Cooperative Commonwealth Federation
LIB = Liberal Party
NDP = New Democratic Party
SC = Social Credit
UFA = United Farmers of Alberta
WCC = Western Canadian Concept

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AB = Alberta
SK = Saskatchewan
MB = Manitoba

UofA = University of Alberta
UofC = University of Calgary
UofR = University of Regina
UofS = University of Saskatchewan
UofM = University of Manitoba
BU = Brandon University

PARC = Provincial Archives
LEG = Legislative Library
SPC = Special Collections
ULIB = University Library



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For Progress
In Alberta*

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J. Harper Prowse, B.A., I.L.B.
Leader of the Liberal Party in Alberta
Elected Army Representative in January, 1945 while serving in Italy.
Elected Liberal Leader June, 1947.
Elected Member for Edmonton 1948; re-elected 1952.
Leader of the Opposition since 1952.
10 Years Experience Serving You in the Legislature.

Business Administration

A Liberal Government Will . . .

1. Assure integrity and honesty in government.
2. Assure that no member of the legislature or public official will profit by reason of his official position.
3. Have the public accounts committee investigate public expenditures annually.
4. Subject all government expenditures to careful scrutiny and control.
5. Allocate time for the legislature to hear those desiring to make representations on public affairs.

A Liberal Government Will . . .

Appoint a Judicial Royal Commission to make a full investigation of government transactions.

AGRICULTURE

A Liberal Government Will . . .

Develop a farm security program in consultation with farmers and their organizations designed to provide, whenever possible and practicable:

1. Encouragement and assistance for qualified young farmers in becoming established.
2. Assistance in, and co-operation with, other governments in developing markets for surplus agricultural products in the inter-provincial and export trade. Assistance and encouragement within the province with respect to marketing; and insofar as marketing boards are concerned to allow the introduction of legislation by private bill to meet the requests of farmers and ranchers, on which each member of the legislature will be free to vote as his conscience dictates.
3. Interest-free loans for rural electrification.
4. A program of soil reclamation and conservation
5. Purple gas for farm trucks hauling farmers' own produce from the farm to market.

IRRIGATION

A Liberal Government Will . . .

Establish a commission to investigate problems in existing irrigation districts and in new developments as follows:

1. Water conservation.
2. Irrigation and drainage.
3. Colonization.
4. Secondary industries and practical production programs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A Liberal Government Will . . .

Take local governments into a working partnership by:

1. Lowering municipal taxes by assuming a larger share of the direct costs of schools and school administration.
2. Restoring and encouraging freedom and independence in local self-government.
3. Establishing a continuing Municipal Advisory Council with representation from municipal, school and hospital associations.
4. Insuring that the municipal taxpayer obtains full benefits from swollen provincial revenues.

EDUCATION

A Liberal Government Will . . .

1. Assist schools to obtain and hold better teachers by taking a direct responsibility for the additional salaries required for more experienced and qualified teachers.
2. Pay a bonus to teachers in pioneer or remote areas of the province to enable all children to have qualified teachers.
3. Put a stop to the "watering-down" of educational standards and promote higher standards of education and of teacher training.
4. Assist in making the teaching profession inviting to more of our capable young men and women.
5. Co-operate with educationalists in developing a course of studies which will emphasize the education of the individual.
6. Establish a continuing Golden Jubilee scholarship fund for deserving students in all fields of education.

HOSPITALIZATION HEALTH and WELFARE

A Liberal Government Will . . .

Establish a province-wide hospital program which will:

1. Make a high standard of hospital services available to all citizens.
2. Remove the unfair burden now borne by the ratepayers and the hospitals.
3. Encourage the development and creation of hospital and health centres as required.
4. Provide hospital care and expensive drugs prescribed by a physician for all old age pensioners, unemployable handicapped, and those in receipt of public assistance.
5. Provide homes for the aged

NATURAL RESOURCES

A Liberal Government Will . . .

Administer all natural resources — oil and natural gas, coal, forests and water power, to provide the maximum benefit for both present and future generations and in particular provide for:

1. Development of oil and gas for the greatest advantage of Alberta and Canada:
 - (A) Favoring export of surplus gas subject to proper and necessary safeguards for present and future Albertan consumers and industries.
 - (B) Insuring that the landowning is adequately compensated for the use of surface necessary for the production of oil and gas.
2. Conservation of forest wealth and the adoption of a good forest management program.
3. Assistance to the coal industry in developing new markets and uses for coal.

ROADS and HIGHWAYS

A Liberal Government Will . . .

Establish a permanent independent and non-political highway commission to develop a continuing and long-term road and highway program to provide:

1. Full and sympathetic consideration of local needs thus assuring that expenditures will be for the greatest possible public service.
2. Sound engineering and construction policies for safer highways at lower annual maintenance cost.
3. Increased assistance for district and market roads.
4. More adequate safety measures.

LABOR

A Liberal Government Will . . .

1. Invite representations from and keep the door open to labor's representatives at all times.
2. Bring industries to Alberta which will provide more and better jobs.

GENERAL

A Liberal Government Will . . .

1. Revise and maintain laws to command the support and respect of the public. This applies particularly to the Liquor legislation of the province.
2. Pay \$50 Jubilee Grants to every pensioner in Alberta without a means test.
3. Take full advantage of the National Housing Act to encourage development of low rental housing projects.

PRINCIPLES OF LIBERALISM

We believe:

All citizens, regardless of race, religion, or occupation have the right to cooperate in the business of government on an equal basis.

In the true principles of democracy and the traditions and customs of our democratic process of government which alone guarantee justice, freedom and security.



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