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**ARTHUR LAING**

*New Leader of the Liberal Party*



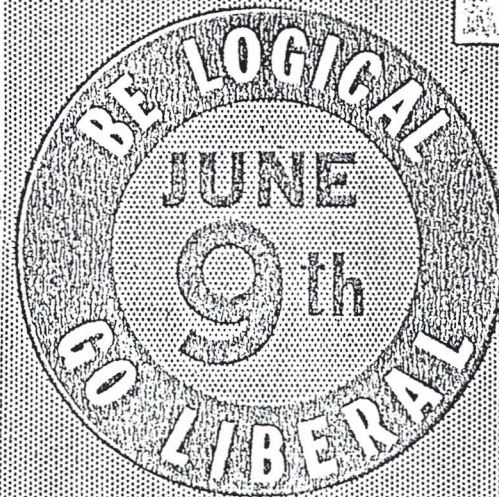
*A New Era of Liberalism  
for*

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Vote Liberal, June 9th**

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# HERE'S WHAT A LIBERAL VICTORY WILL DO . . . ... FOR YOU AND OUR PROVINCE

*Synopsis of Platform Adopted by the Liberal Convention, at Vancouver, B.C., April 8th, 1953*

## 1. FINANCE

Reduction of Taxes, passenger car licenses reduced to \$10.00, sales tax on meals and purchases under 30¢ abolished.

## 2. PUBLIC WORKS

Continuation of construction and improvement of highways and secondary roads under definite annual appropriation. Specifically an alternate route on the Trans-Canada Highway, a highway across Lulu Island and a new Marpole bridge.

## 3. EDUCATION

Curriculum reviewed with emphasis on adult education. Teacher education facilities consolidated under Department of Education and U.B.C. Definite grants on a per capita basis with additional Federal aid for U.B.C. and vocational training. Relief for Municipalities and rural areas with Province assuming 80 per cent of costs. Current expansion of educational facilities to be completed with a faculty of dentistry at U.B.C. included. Non-Profit Schools exempted from land and improvement taxes.

## 4. HEALTH AND WELFARE

Government Hospital Insurance to be continued with all contributing and no co-insurance. Assistance for low income groups. Adequate expansion of mental hospitals and juvenile detention homes. Nursing homes, home-care facilities, dental care and rehabilitation of the physically handicapped further developed. Full co-operation with federal and municipal programs of slum clearance and low rental home construction.

## 5. LABOUR

A full time Labour Relations Board, research for improvement of employee-employer relations and amendment of

the Workmen's Compensation Act, following recommendation of Chief Justice Gordon Sloan. Immediate revision of I.C. & A. Act.

## 6. FORESTRY

A survey by a Royal Commission on the effects of Forest Management Licences and Public Working Circles and particular attention to the small operators' position. B.C. Log Scale or Cubic Content Scale to be optional pending decision. Federal development of Garibaldi Park.

## 7. AGRICULTURE

A more active Market Board. Revision of unfair educational costs on farm and ranch lands. Establishment of a vocational agricultural school and a veterinary college at U.B.C. Extension of Provincial land-clearing service and continued aid to artificial insemination. Institution of uniform fruit and vegetable grading and closer co-operation of provincial and federal authorities with the B.C. Federation of Agriculture.

## 8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

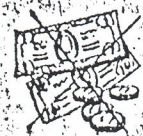
Extension of the B.C. Power Commission service to outlying districts wherever feasible. Encouragement of mining through expansion of roads and trade program and continuation of financing grubstakes. Complete analysis of all phases of industrial development and problems arising through changing channels of trade. Full encouragement of the Tourist Industry.

## 9. CIVIL SERVICE

Arbitration rights for Civil Servants and equal pay for equal work. Employment age to include 45 years and over.

## 10. LIQUOR

Redraft the Liquor Act in accordance with the '52 Plebiscite and allow sale by the glass on a local option basis.





P L A T F O R M  
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LIBERAL PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AS ADOPTED BY THE  
LIBERAL CONVENTION OF APRIL 8, 1953, VANCOUVER, B.C.,  
AND ACCEPTED BY OUR PROVINCIAL LEADER,

MR. ARTHUR LAING

British Columbia Liberal Association,  
April 8, 1953.



## PLATFORM

### FINANCE

- (a) Reduce Taxation.
- (b) Reduce passenger car licence to ten dollars.
- (c) Remove sales tax on meals and on all purchases of 30 cents and under.

### PUBLIC WORKS

- (a) Continued expansion of main highway and paving program.
- (b) A specific annual appropriation for construction and improvement of secondary roads.

### TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

To relieve traffic congestion on the Trans-Canada Highway by an alternative route consisting of a new crossing of the South Fraser River; highway across Lulu Island, and a new Marpole Bridge.

### PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY

To complete the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Prince George to the B. C. Peace River district, and to ensure the most adequate connection with Vancouver as speedily as possible.

### EDUCATION

- (a) To preserve and expand the curriculum to meet the highest standard of individual and community needs and the requirements of adult education.
- (b) Consolidation of all teacher-education facilities in a Faculty of Education of the University of British Columbia under the joint supervision and control of the Department of Education and the University of British Columbia.
- (c) To seek additional Federal grants for the University, and for vocational education.
- (d) To provide definite grants based upon a per capita unit of enrolled pupils and employed teachers.
- (e) To bring additional relief to municipalities and rural areas by the Province assuming eighty per cent of the cost of education.



- (f) To complete the University building program, including a faculty of dentistry, and continue school building program to keep pace with increasing pupil enrollment.
- (g) To amend the Municipal Act and other necessary legislation to permit of the exemption of non-profit schools in the Province of British Columbia from land and improvement taxes.

#### HEALTH AND WELFARE

- (a) The continuance of hospital insurance under Government Administration.
- (b) Universal payment of premiums.
- (c) The continuation of benefits of hospitalization without coinsurance.
- (d) The payment by the Government from consolidated revenue of premiums for citizens of low income.
- (e) An adequate building program for mental hospitals, prisons, correctional institutions for juveniles; and treatment facilities for alcoholics and drug addicts.
- (f) Further development of nursing homes and home care facilities for chronic and convalescent cases; dental care program, and rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons.
- (g) Continued co-operation with Federal and Municipal Governments in a joint program of slum clearance, and the construction of low-rental homes and suitable accommodation for aged married and single persons.

#### LABOUR

- (a) The Labour Relations Board to be reconstituted as a full time Board.
- (b) Amend the Workman's Compensation Act along the lines recommended by Chief Justice Gordon Sloan.
- (c) Revision of the I. C. & A. Act at the next Session of the Legislature.

#### LIQUOR

Redraft the Liquor Act in accordance with the result of the 1952 plebiscite to allow the sale of liquor by the glass on a local option basis.



FORESTRY

- (a) To appoint a Royal Commission at the next Session to make a further survey of forest resources and industry in accordance with the recommendations of the 1945 Sloan Report, to determine the effect of the program of forest management licences and public working circles on the economy of the logging industry of British Columbia, with particular study to be given to the position of the small operator. In the interval the operator to have the option of using either the B. C. log scale or the cubic content scale.
- (b) Garibaldi Park to be turned over to the Federal Government for development as a national park.

CIVIL SERVICE

- (a) Arbitration rights for Civil Servants.
- (b) Equal pay for equal work regardless of sex, marital status, race, creed or colour.
- (c) Amend the Civil Service Act and the Superannuation Act to permit engagement of men and women of forty-five years and over.

POWER DEVELOPMENT

That the B. C. Power Commission be urged to supply and develop available power in all outlying districts where power developments are feasible.

MINING

To encourage mining development by expanding the mining roads and trails programme, and to continue the policy of financing grub stakes.

AGRICULTURE

- (a) To provide a more active Market Branch within the Department of Agriculture.
- (b) To remove existing inequities in education costs on farm and ranch lands.
- (c) To urge the Dominion Government to extend the terms of the P. F. R. A. to B. C.
- (d) To establish a vocational agricultural school.
- (e) To establish a Veterinary College at U.B.C.



Agriculture - continued

- (f) To extend Provincial Land Clearing Service to cover well-drilling, weed-spraying, etc.
- (g) To continue aid to artificial insemination.
- (h) To institute adequate uniform grading for fruits and vegetables.
- (i) To promote closer co-operation between the Provincial Government, B. C. Federation of Agriculture, and the Federal Government.

TOURIST INDUSTRY

To encourage the tourist industry to the fullest possible extent.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- (a) Procure and study information, and make recommendations regarding all problems that arise from the changing channels of trade in the products of British Columbia.
- (b) Achieve a comprehensive and continually up-to-date over-all view of all the factors - extractive, industrial, manufacturing, distributive, servicing, marketing, financial, power, transportation, etc., that constitute the structure of the economy of British Columbia, in special relation to increasing employment, productivity, development, and investment opportunities in the Province.

EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER RELATIONS

The establishment of research facilities to investigate all phases of employee participation in industry with a view to encouraging such employee-employer partnerships.

PLATFORM as amended adopted by motion duly moved, seconded and carried.

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