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EDUCATION

To relieve the property owner from the growing burden of school taxation the Progressive Conservative Party will introduce legislation whereby:

- (a) The Provincial Government will pay 80 per cent of operational cost and the cities and districts 20 per cent.
- (b) Where any city or district would be at a disadvantage under the above formula they may pay an amount not to exceed 9 mills over their current levy on a basis of 100 per cent on land and 75 per cent on improvements.
- (c) The Provincial Government will pay 50 per cent of capital costs and carrying charges and the municipalities 50 per cent.
- (d) The B.C. Progressive Conservative Party believes in the democratic system of non-sectarian schools as at present established by law in the province of British Columbia.

FORESTRY

We favour policies that will provide the maximum benefits from our forest resources for the people of British Columbia.

Specifically:

- (a) We reaffirm our endorsement of the Sloan Report which contained recommendations designed to ensure perpetual yield of our forests
- (b) We oppose the Social Credit proposals to levy a 1 per cent tax on standing timber. Such a tax would encourage premature cutting of timber, and is in conflict with policies to conserve our timber resources.
- (c) We will provide opportunity for small loggers, mill operators and all others who desire to use and develop the forest resources of the province.
- (d) We propose that the Government should increase its programme of

building roads into public working circle timber areas.

- (e) We will intensify the programme of fire and pest control and co-operate in this with the Federal Government in combatting these menaces to our timber resources.

AGRICULTURE

- (a) We are opposed to decontrol of milk at the distributor level because we believe it will result in higher prices to the consumer and the development of a monopoly.

We favour policies that will increase the consumption of milk in large urban areas and we propose there should be

- (1) A store differential of two cents.
- (2) A quantity discount on milk delivered to the home so that all who buy more than 1 quart at a time will have an incentive to co-operate with distributors in cutting the cost of delivering milk to the homes.
- (b) A Conservative Government would immediately confer with the producers and distributors to bring about a sensible solution to the milk marketing problem and would ensure stable conditions throughout the dairy industry and serve consumers at the lowest possible price.
- (c) The Agricultural branch of the government will expand services to assist farmers to increase production and efficiency through more technical and organizational aid.
- (d) We will coordinate the efforts of the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture and the University of British Columbia to better serve the farmers of our Province.

- (e) We will negotiate with the Federal Government to make the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act applicable to the whole of B.C. so that the fertile but undeveloped agricultural areas can be brought under irrigation or be reclaimed.

MINING

In view of the present depressed condition in which the Mining industry finds itself and to encourage development of new mineral areas, and to assist continued production of mines already in existence, we are opposed at this time to levying taxation in addition to that collected by the Federal Government.

LABOUR

The Progressive Conservative Party has always favoured fair treatment for labour and in the interests of industrial peace and prosperity we will:

- (1) Re-establish a full time Labour Relations Board.
- (2) Enact fair employment legislation as did the Progressive Conservative Government of Ontario.
- (3) Introduce an equal pay for equal work Act as did the Progressive Conservative Government in Ontario.
- (4) Enact legislation for the certification of Tradesmen.
- (5) Give consideration to the amendments to the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act and to the Workmen's Compensation Act in order to remove the grievances which exist under the present legislation.
- (6) Provide means for collective bargaining and conciliation procedure for Civil Servants.

CIVIL SERVICE

To insure maximum efficiency and service we will:

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from personal interference.

- (2) Without reducing the number of hours worked, place the Civil Service on a five-day week.

LIQUOR

The Progressive Conservative Party stands for immediate implementation of the will of the people as expressed in the 1952 Liquor Plebiscite.

SALES TAX

We will remove the Sales Tax on all meals costing \$1.00 and under.

HEALTH & WELFARE

- (1) We believe the most precious asset of our province is our children and we will make a contribution to their good health by providing free milk to all Grade School children who desire it.
- (2) The British Columbia Hospital Insurance service is an accomplished fact. We endorse it and will take steps to increase its efficiency and benefits.

HIGHWAYS

Consistent with sound management of public moneys and the service required by the people of the province our Highway programme will be expanded by endeavoring to make all portions of the province accessible and to give access to areas of new development, potential workable timber lands and the explored proven mineral sections of British Columbia.

PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY

Immediately on forming a government we shall proceed to extend the P.G.E. into North Vancouver with the final object in view of extending the railway from Prince George into the Peace River area.

THE GOVERNMENT

We will enact legislation to permit any citizen who has suffered damage by any act of the Provincial Government or its servants to sue the Provincial Government through the Civil Courts.

POWER DEVELOPMENT

The B.C. Power Commission will be instructed to carry out the original intent of the Electric Power Act to provide power and light to individuals in the rural areas.

EXPORT TRADE

The B.C. Progressive Conservative Party is deeply concerned over the deterioration of conditions in our basic industries in British Columbia due to loss of export trade. It is the firm belief and determination of this Party that some method can and must be found to simplify financial arrangements between the dollar and sterling areas of the Commonwealth and other Nations. The B.C. Progressive Conservative Party will use its best efforts to bring about a betterment of trade within the Commonwealth.

TAXATION REFORM

We will call for a conference of the three levels of Government; Municipal, Provincial and Federal, to study and define the financial responsibility of each and to arrive at a fair distribution of taxation revenue.

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Friends:

This is the Progressive Conservative Party platform. It is designed to deal with the problems confronting the people of this province today. I urge you to read it. Your interests will best be served by supporting this platform and marking your ballot for your Progressive Conservative candidate.

Last year only 68.53% of the registered voters cast ballots. This year's election may well be the most important in your lifetime. Protect your welfare and future by voting on June 9th. Vote Progressive Conservative.

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