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What
**Your SOCIAL CREDIT
GOVERNMENT**
Is Doing For
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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About Our Program

Underlying all aims and objects of the British Columbia Social Credit Government are these basic precepts:

- *Social Crediters believe in the sanctity of human personality; that every person should enjoy freedom to develop his personality in accordance with his own desires, provided always that he does not interfere with the similar rights of others; that the organizations of society should be subordinated to the end of ensuring to every individual the utmost of personal freedom.*
- *Social Crediters believe that a genuine democracy must recognize the sovereignty of God, from which springs the brotherhood of man. A Christian democracy so organized that the State and its institutions and functions are designed to serve the requirements of its individual citizens is the only social system that will ensure individual freedom.*
- *Social Crediters further believe that the people should be given every opportunity to obtain the results that they want from the management of their own affairs.*

PROSPERITY — SECURITY — INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM

Realization of these ideals is the basis upon which this, our Provincial program is being carried out.

Social Credit is genuine free enterprise, but opposed to monopoly.

Social Credit is in favour of Social reform but is opposed to State Socialism.

FAIR TREATMENT TO ALL AND SPECIAL FAVOURS TO NONE is the Policy of your Social Credit Government.



HEALTH AND WELFARE

Your Social Credit Government has made changes in the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service to make it closer to the needs of the people of the Province, and has:—

1. Reduced Premiums by \$3.00 per year, making a direct saving to the premium payers of \$1,400,000.00 each year.
2. Abolished co-insurance and instituted "Dollar-a-Day," (which is less than the cost of meals). This change shows a further saving of \$850,000.00 for our citizens who go to hospital.
3. The above two reforms benefited 94% of the premium payers and saves them \$2,250,000.00 per year.
4. The B.C.H.I.S. Administration Staff has been reduced from 667 to an expected 470 in March, 1953 — with increased efficiency.
5. Tackled the delinquency problem by suspending outstanding arrears, with provision of instalment payments for those well able to pay. Persons affected may now receive benefits fourteen days after payment of premium.
6. Expanded dependency regulations to allow heads of families to claim for certain additional relatives who are financially dependent upon them.
7. Taken steps to alleviate serious overcrowding in Mental Hospitals.
Your Social Credit Government pays the premium and the Dollar-a-Day charges for all persons receiving Social Allowances, Mothers' Allowances, Old-Age Assistance, etc., besides providing them with free medical, dental, optical and drug care.

Persons who receive Provincial Bonus are:—

- (a) Persons who were Old-Age Pensioners on December 31st, 1951.
- (b) Persons who were receiving Old-Age Security from Federal Government, passing eligibility test for bonus.
- (c) Persons who receive Old-Age Assistance.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GIVES BONUS UP TO \$10.00 PER MONTH.

Alberta gives Bonus up to \$10.00 per month.

Saskatchewan gives Bonus of \$2.50 per month.

NO OTHER PROVINCE GIVES A BONUS.

Your Social Credit Government leads the way and has put the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service in better shape than ever before.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Your Social Credit Government realizes that Local Autonomy must be guarded.

1. A survey is being made of Educational Finance as it affects the municipalities.
2. A survey is being made to study a revision of the "Municipal Act" in consultation and in co-operation with cities and municipalities.
3. Assistance and co-operation is being given Town Planning Groups.

Social Credit Government believes that who govern least govern best!

CIVIL DEFENCE

Due to unsettled World conditions the SOCIAL CREDIT GOVERNMENT realizes the importance of CIVIL DEFENCE.

1. Full survey is being made of the Provincial Defence organization and its progress.
2. Full advantage has been taken of the availability of Federal Funds—totalling \$132,616.00—and the Provincial Government is matching Dollar for Dollar.
3. Financial assistance is being given to municipalities and local areas for Civil Defence.
4. Integration of Civil Defence activities are being arranged with the State of Washington.

Social Credit Government believes in the policy of "Be Prepared."

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Your Social Credit Government:—

1. Appointed a Commission of Inquiry to recommend a most acceptable way to implement the Liquor Plebiscite held last June. The Commission consisted of three outstanding men acclaimed by all sections of the population of British Columbia.
 2. Instituted a system of penal reform after an investigation of conditions in Oakalla.
 3. Opposed the telephone and freight rate increases before the Board of Transport Commissioners, Ottawa.
- Your Social Credit Government is concerned with the:—*
4. Examination of the Doukhobour problem with a view to proposing a solution, and at the same time increasing protection for the non-Doukhobour residents in the area affected.
 5. Studying of Automobile Insurance problem.

Social Credit, being a People's Government, carries out the will of the people.

FINANCE

Your Social Credit Government, with a programme of Efficiency with Economy, after only a few months in office, has:—

1. Instituted methods so that anyone may tender on Government purchases, and after the tender has been let, anyone can examine the successful tender.
2. Ordered that British Columbia labour and products be given preference.
3. Stopped the steady increase in the number of Government employees. Employees leaving are replaced only if absolutely necessary, and wherever possible the position is filled by a transfer from another department.
4. Issued regulations to prevent personal use of Government automobiles, and have taken steps to have vehicles marked "Government of the Province of British Columbia. For Official Use Only."
5. Put rigid control on purchase of new cars.

Your Social Credit Government policy of Economy with Efficiency will pay dividends.