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North Shore Conservatives Pick Their Chief as Lone Candidate

Conservative leader Deane Finlayson Thursday unwrapped an eight-point "program for prosperity."

The Tory leader presented his party platform after 33 delegates nominated him as the sole Conservative candidate to contest the two-member North Vancouver riding in the Sept. 13 general election.

Party leaders urged the delegates in West Vancouver's Legion hall to name only one candidate so the party would stand a "better chance" to get some representation in the Legislature.

When he stepped into the hall, the 37-year-old Tory leader was served with a notice that court action had been started to send him to jail for contempt of court.

The action to have him committed for contempt was launched by Alfred Bull, QC, counsel for Social Credit Forests Minister Robert E. Sommers. In statements Mr. Finlayson made about the "Sturdy-Sommers case" at a North Vancouver meeting Monday.

Mr. Finlayson said "I wish to repeat the purpose of revealing these charges contained in this particular document, which is known as the statement of defence, was not in any way to prejudice a fair trial in respect of the things Mr. Sommers was accused of."

He said he could not have walked down the streets of B.C. towns and cities "and hold my head high" if he had allowed himself to be intimidated by threats of court action.

There were "certain newspapers and certain radios" that were "prepared to identify themselves with this thing and run the same risk as I as a private citizen run now," he added.

The Conservative chieftain promised action, if elected, on eight points.

AGRICULTURE — Long-term, low-interest production loans to farmers and revision of anti-dumping legislation.

EDUCATION — Bills to extend adult education and "make religious education available to those school children whose parents wish them to have it."

ELECTIONS — A judicial commission to recommend a fair redistribution of electoral constituencies.

FINANCE — Grants in lieu of taxes on government buildings, highway grants on an equal basis to municipalities, per capita grants of \$16 to municipalities, abolition of the fuel oil tax, publication of detailed accounts of the Pacific Great Eastern railway.

FORESTS — Full examination of forest administration based on report of the Sloan Commission.

HIGHWAYS — Independent highway commission and open public tenders for all construction contracts.

LABOR — Bills to give women equal pay for equal work, to provide for a full-time Board of Industrial Relations, to broaden the Workmen's Compensation Act to provide coverage to miners disabled by tuberculosis caused by silicosis.

POWER — A bill to set up a water conservation board to regulate the use of water for power, irrigation, municipal, domestic and industrial use.