

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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SK = Saskatchewan
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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
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ULIB = University Library

6. LABOUR

Until a Dominion Labour Code is established, a Progressive Conservative Government will guarantee:

Free Association in trade unions, collective bargaining.

No discrimination for union activity.

Two Weeks holidays with pay.

Maintenance of the Labour Relations Board, with the right of appeal from its decisions to the courts.

And in addition: encourage Labour Management Production Boards, speed up payment of claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act, maintain fair wage standards and in co-operation with trade unions and management, speed up apprenticeship plans in special trades.

7. INDUSTRY

Government Industries. Public Utilities will remain under government ownership, but industries not suited to government operation will be sold to private enterprise and co-operatives.

Co-operatives and Private Business will be encouraged by industrial research, information bureaus, and cheaper power rates.

8. PENSIONS

Until a system of Federal Contributory Retirement Insurance is enacted, old age pensions will be raised immediately to \$40 per month, with an objective of \$50 monthly at age 65. We will also extend to war widows and their dependents the same medical, optical and dental care now given to the aged, the blind, and those receiving Mothers' Allowances.

9. NATURAL RESOURCES

Encourage Producer Marketing Boards and abolish monopolistic marketing agencies now operating.

Set Up a Provincial Resources Conservation Board to plan continuous replacement of forests, fish and furs.

Emphasize rapid development of gas and oil resources.

Speed Power Development From:

Gas and oil for Western and North Western Saskatchewan.

Coal in Southern and Eastern Saskatchewan.

Hydro power for Central Saskatchewan from the Elbow Dam and in the North from the Saskatchewan and Churchill Rivers.

Research for cheaper units for isolated farm homes.

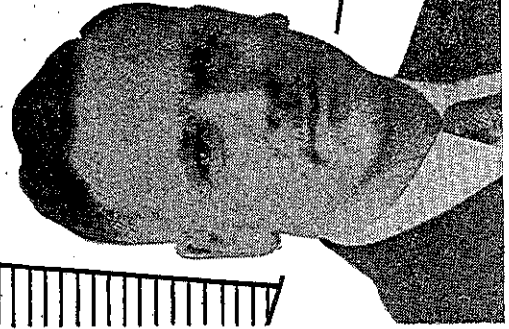
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Saskatchewan Progressive Conservative Policy

This policy is the condensed opinion of delegates to Provincial and Constituency Association Conventions and represents what they, and through them, their party, would do and stand for when elected to form a government of Saskatchewan.

1. AGRICULTURE

Wheat—Sale by the Canadian Wheat Board at world price. Establishment of a **Wheat Stabilization Fund** from the differential between world price and the parity price paid producers. This fund is to be used at some future date to keep wheat prices at, or near to, parity. Participation certificates payable within six months of end of crop year.

British Contract—Purchase by the Canadian Government from the Wheat Board at world price, of enough wheat to fill the Contract, with resale at the Contract price to Britain.

Crop Insurance—Extension of PFAA to include zoning to provide varying percentage deductions; higher awards in lower yield brackets; moving towards awards on an individual basis.

New Lands—Opening of new farm lands with a three-year residence clause for ownership of raw land, and sale on a seven-year, one-third crop basis where the government brings the land under cultivation. Assistance to northern settlers by providing machinery to clear up to 70 acres per quarter section, with repayment on a share crop basis.

Livestock—Encouraging livestock and dairy production by subsidy if necessary; financial assistance to encourage use of better sires; the rights of renewal and transfer to efficient grazing lease holders.

New Services—Information service on farm mechanics, farm building, and farm production problems.
Encouraging of producer marketing boards.
Full speed ahead on rural electrification and irrigation.

2. HEALTH

Health Commission maintained, but made more representative and available for municipal and district consultation.

Special Grants to hospitals with construction or operational difficulties.

Co-operation in any Dominion Health Plan.

Elimination of red tape, inefficiency, and heavy administration costs of the present Hospitalization plan by decentralizing administration.

3. EDUCATION

Reduction in Local School Taxes by increasing the Provincial Government's share of local school expenses from 25% to a minimum of 50%.

Reform of the Larger Unit by providing a vote before any unit is established; by increasing the local board's authority to restore community interest; by reducing unit size if necessary for efficient operation; including two teachers in an advisory capacity on each unit board; and by making individual schools outside the unit eligible for the same grants as those within, if they maintain desirable standards.

Security for Teachers. We are the only party which has accepted the report of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation as an objective for teachers' salaries.

Vocational Training Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics for farm youth.

Scholarships for worthy, needy and deserving students.

Adult Education under the control of the University of Saskatchewan.

4. HIGHWAYS

Hard Surface. The immediate construction, with federal aid if possible, of a North-South, and two East-West hard surfaced highways.

Market Roads. Double the present grant for market roads to each municipality, to a minimum of \$1,000 per year.

A Non-Partisan Highways Commission to plan the future short and long term development of Saskatchewan highways.

The Proper Maintenance of Present Highways, and provincial responsibility for all bridges over twenty feet in length.

5. TAXATION

Lower Taxes by removing political propaganda from the public pay roll.

Abolish the Education Tax.

Lower Farm Truck License fees.

Remove mineral tax from occupied farm lands.

Make Government Industries pay taxes.

Eliminate waste and extravagance.