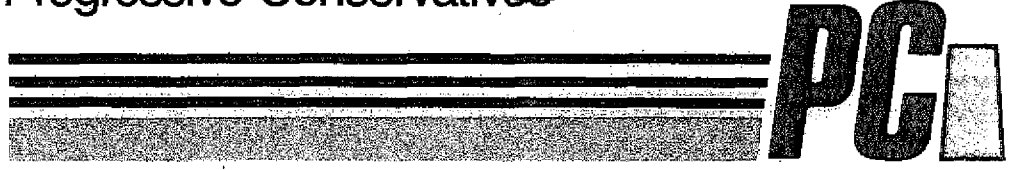


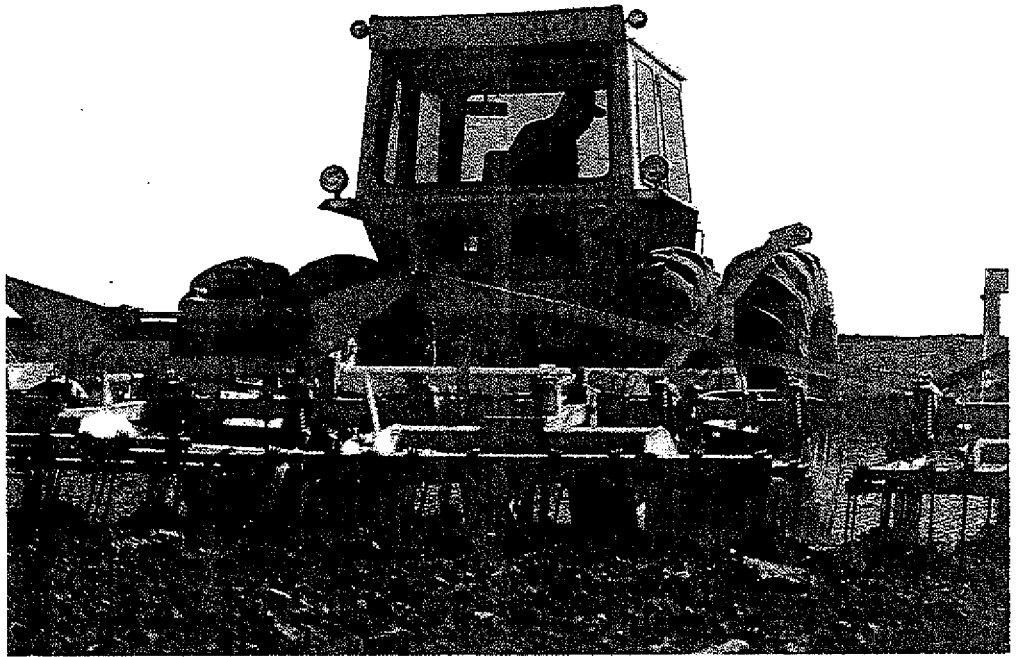


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Keep Building Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan people know that for the province to prosper we must diversify our economy. In the past four years, Grant Devine and the Progressive Conservatives have taken strong action to build new industry, to create new and lasting jobs, to support and strengthen agriculture, and to ensure an unprecedented level of protection for Saskatchewan families.

These initiatives are working now, and with your support Grant Devine and the Progressive Conservatives will keep building Saskatchewan to fulfill the great promise for the future.

Consider the accomplishments of the past four years:

Agriculture

Grant Devine has provided strong leadership for Saskatchewan's agriculture industry, at the provincial and federal levels. A number of vital assistance programs have been introduced:

- the Production Loan Program has provided over \$1 billion in loans at 6% interest, assisting over 56,000 farmers.
- the Livestock Investment Tax Credit, encouraging the feeding of livestock in Saskatchewan, has benefited thousands of producers.
- the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan has provided low-interest loans totaling more than \$155 million to assist intensive livestock operations.
- establishment of the Agriculture Development Fund is providing \$200 million over 5 years to support research, development and demonstration activities.

Job Creation

The Progressive Conservatives understand that building means employment, and that's what we've been providing for Saskatchewan:

- over the past four years Saskatchewan has consistently registered the lowest rates of unemployment in Canada.
- the introduction of new programs is generating ongoing job creation. This includes 25,000 new jobs through the Saskatchewan Home Program.
- thousands of new training spaces have been provided in our technical institutes to enhance new employment opportunities. This includes the construction of the Northern Institute of Technology, creating new employment potential in northern Saskatchewan.



Saskatchewan Home Program

This innovative program is providing financial assistance for home improvements and mortgage rate stability, together with economic activity and job creation. The program means:

- matching \$1,500 grants for home improvements and permanent landscaping.
- guaranteed 6% interest rates on home improvement loans up to \$10,000.
- guaranteed 9% ceiling on mortgage rates for the next 10 years.
- an estimated \$3 billion in economic activity and the creation of 25,000 new jobs in the next 5 years.

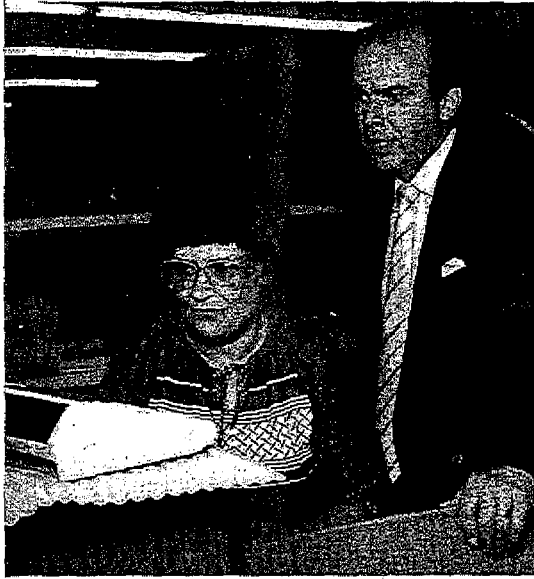
The Progressive Conservatives have also introduced a \$3,000 grant to assist first-time home buyers.

Saskatchewan Pension Plan

This historic plan ensures long-term security for thousands of Saskatchewan people who have not had access to a pension in the past:

- the first pension plan in Canada to include homemakers.
- available to all Saskatchewan residents, between 18 to 65 years of age, including homemakers, part-time workers, small business proprietors and employees, and farmers.





Economic Diversification

Grant Devine and the Progressive Conservative government have met a commitment to diversify Saskatchewan's economy. The achievements include:

- sale of PAPCO to Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd., resulting in a \$250 million investment in the paper mill and the creation of many new jobs — 215 direct jobs and 430 more in the forest.
- construction of the \$6 million Gainer's Bacon Processing Plant at North Battleford creating 185 new jobs and the \$23.9 million expansion of Intercontinental Packers in Saskatoon resulting in an estimated 1400 jobs. These projects are also expanding opportunities for livestock production in Saskatchewan.
- construction of the heavy oil upgrader in Regina, a \$650 million project which will create as many as 1300 new jobs during construction.
- construction of a steel fabrication plant in Saskatoon by Marubeni-Hitachi to manufacture and install turbines for the North American market creating 45 new jobs. This is the first fabricating plant the firm has established outside of Japan.
- construction of a \$7 million manufacturing plant in Moose Jaw by Phillips Cable Ltd. is creating 100 jobs during construction and 40 permanent positions.
- increased emphasis on tourism promotion has led to economic activity in various areas of the industry. In the past year a remarkable 27% increase in tourist activity has been achieved.