

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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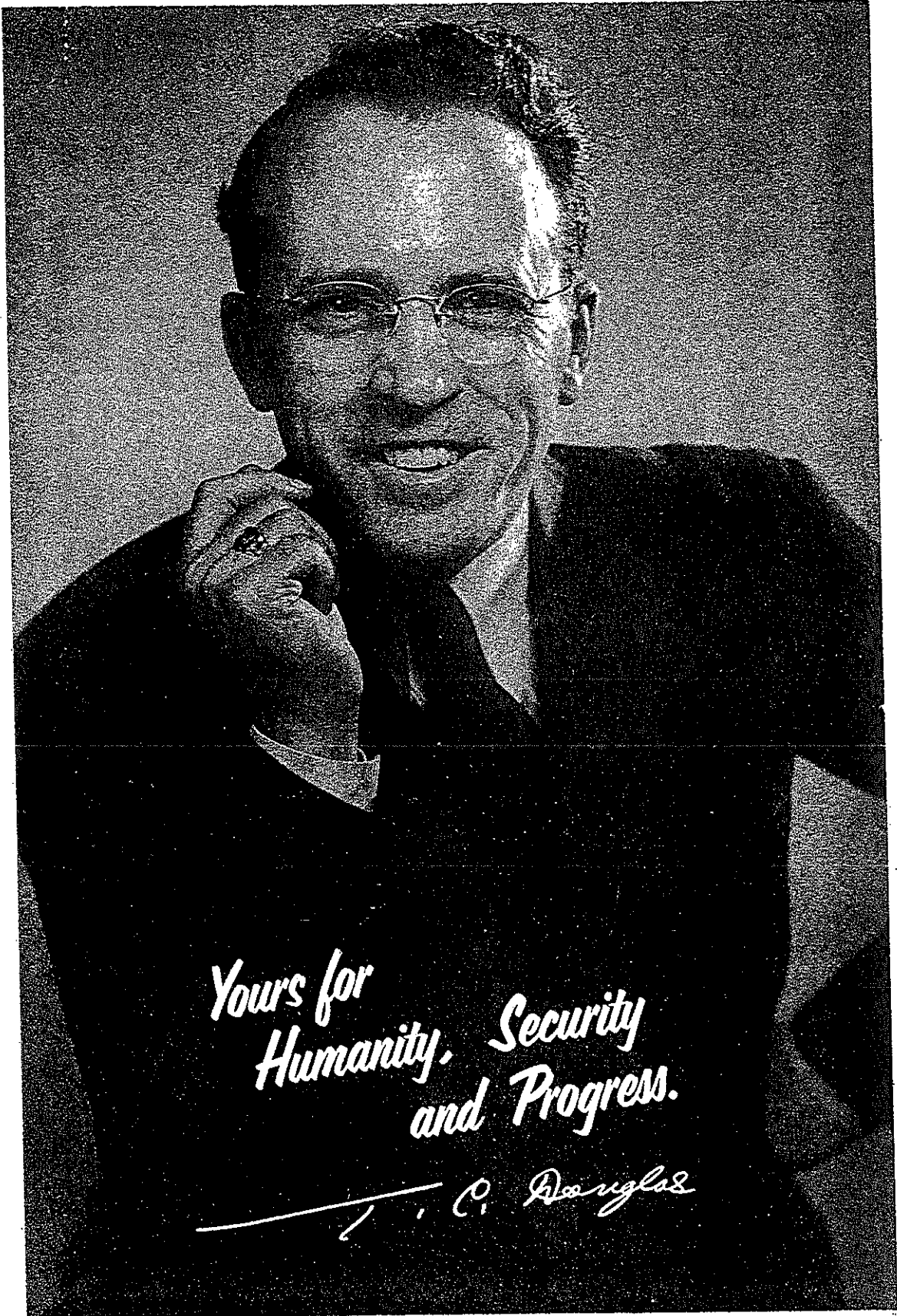
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AB = Alberta
SK = Saskatchewan
MB = Manitoba

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
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*Yours for
Humanity, Security
and Progress.*

J. C. Douglas

A Message from the Premier

Dear Friend,—

In recent years Saskatchewan has progressed in a manner unequalled in our brief history. The discovery of oil, uranium and other minerals has made possible the establishment of new industries. Almost every month new manufacturing plants are being located in our province. Electric power and natural gas are bringing their benefits to communities which have never enjoyed them before.

More important still is the fact that the increasing revenue from this expanding development has made possible improved educational, health and welfare services. New schools and hospitals are being built and a greater measure of social security is being enjoyed by our people. Better roads and telephone facilities are improving our way of living.

These things have only been made possible by careful planning and by setting for ourselves definite objectives which we have sought to attain. The "Program for Progress" on which we were elected in 1952 has been implemented. We are now placing before you our "Program for Prosperity" which sets forth the goals we shall strive to reach if the people of Saskatchewan entrust us with the responsibilities of office for another term.

We have come a long way in the past few years. Years of planning and hard work are beginning to bear fruit. The next few years should bring widespread prosperity to Saskatchewan. Only under a C.C.F. government can you be sure that all our people will share in that prosperity. The C.C.F. have kept faith with you in the past; you can trust them to keep faith in the future.

Yours for security, prosperity and humanity,

J. C. Douglas

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PROGRAM FOR PROSPERITY

1. Spend \$100,000,000 on a provincial highway program

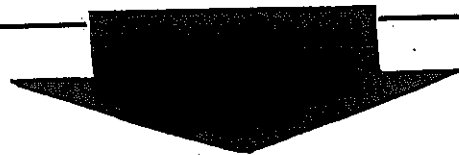
In relation to its population Saskatchewan has the greatest highway mileage of any province in Canada. The growing importance of truck transportation and the increasing number of motor vehicles make it imperative that we embark upon the most ambitious highway program within our means. In the light of increasing revenues from economic development, the C.C.F. are convinced that we can finance a \$100,000,000 provincial highway program during our next term of office.

2. Contribute an average of \$3,000,000 a year for municipal roads

At the request of the rural municipalities a 12,000 mile main market road grid has been designed and is being submitted to the municipalities for their approval. We believe that this road grid, which will be one-and-a-half times as large as the provincial highway system, can be completed in less than 10 years at a total cost of some \$50,000,000. A C.C.F. government will pay half the cost of building this main market road grid which will mean an average expenditure by the government of \$2,500,000 a year. In addition to this the government will continue to pay equalization grants of approximately \$500,000 a year to take care of other municipal roads.

Last year the rural municipalities spent \$8,500,000 on roads. This means that if they earmark \$2,500,000 for the market road grid they will still have \$6,000,000 to spend on other municipal roads. What is more important, however, is that they will have over \$11,000,000 to spend on roads as compared to the \$8,500,000 which they spent last year.

TURN INSIDE — READ ALL OF
THE 12 POINTS IN THE
C.C.F. PROGRAM FOR PROSPERITY



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3. Increase substantially the provincial government's contribution to the cost of education

The C.C.F. have increased school grants from \$2,750,000 to over \$12,000,000—a fourfold increase since 1944. When we took office the provincial contribution to education averaged \$15 per pupil and today it averages \$60 per pupil. In addition, some \$3,000,000 has been paid out in construction grants for school buildings—these are grants which have only become available under the C.C.F.

As our revenues from resource and industrial development increase we plan to step up the provincial government's contribution to education with the avowed intention of assuming an ever-larger share of the cost of education.

4. Bring up to 65,000 the number of farms supplied with electricity and double the generating capacity of the province

7,500 farms will be electrified this year, bringing to over 40,000 the number of farms enjoying the benefits of electric power. The farms which have still to be electrified are in the more sparsely settled areas. Consequently it will take more material and more money to make power available to them. Nevertheless, we believe that in our next term of office we can electrify another 25,000 farms, thus bringing to 65,000 the number of farms enjoying this beneficial service.

At the present time power consumption in our province is increasing at the rate of over 20% per year. This means we must double our generating capacity and increase our transmission lines. The estimated cost of this program is in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000 but such an expenditure is imperative if we are to keep pace with the growing demands of our rapidly expanding economy. This is a tremendous undertaking but the C.C.F. have done it before and they can do it again.

5. Bring natural gas to all the cities of the province and to the intermediate towns and villages

More than 13,000 customers in 17 communities are enjoying the benefits of

natural gas. This year gas will be brought to the cities of Moose Jaw, North Battleford and Swift Current and to the towns of Eston, Humboldt, Biggar, Asquith, Battleford, Wakaw and several other communities. During our next term of office we are confident we can make gas available to every city in the province and to many of the towns and villages that are reasonably adjacent to the pipelines.

In the distribution of power and gas the C.C.F. have followed a policy of "service at cost". We are confident that with the growing volume of gas distribution it will be possible to reduce gas rates and to take the benefits of this dependable fuel to more and more communities.

6. The C.C.F. will continue the rapid development of our oil, mineral and forest resources

Since the C.C.F. were elected our mineral production has increased by 375%. We have nearly 2,000 oil and gas wells in production and our oil output has doubled each successive year. The value of our metallic mineral production is twice as great as that of Manitoba and Alberta combined. Saskatchewan's uranium and potash industries give promise of being the largest on this continent. We are now important producers of salt, sodium sulphate, lead, copper and zinc. Recent discoveries of magnesium and iron ore open up exciting opportunities for industrial development.

An inventory of our forests has been completed and now industries are being planned to make full use of our forest resources. Hundreds of millions of dollars are being invested in exploration and development. Never in the history of our province have we seen such activity as we have witnessed in the past ten years. Under the aggressive and dynamic leadership which the C.C.F. can provide, even greater things can be accomplished in the next four years.

7. Expand drainage, irrigation and reclamation programs

These are new programs which were non-existent before the C.C.F. were elected. Nearly half a million acres of land in the northern areas of the province have been cleared and broken at a cost of some \$5,750,000. In districts affected by flooding, 494 miles of drainage ditch have been constructed, 185 miles of road built and 486 structures erected to improve some two million acres of land. Irrigation projects covering 49,000 acres are completed or under construction.

A C.C.F. government will continue to step up these programs designed to make more land available for agriculture and to assist settlers in the northern areas.

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8. Extend the present hospital plan to include out-patient and other health services

It is generally conceded that the Saskatchewan Hospital Services Plan is the best hospital insurance on this continent. For years the Liberal party criticized this plan but now they are promising to continue the very plan they have constantly sought to destroy.

As a first step the C.C.F. will extend the hospital plan to provide out-patient and diagnostic services. Then as provincial revenues increase, additional health services will be added, moving steadily toward our goal of establishing a comprehensive system of health insurance for all our citizens. The C.C.F. have pioneered the field of health insurance—only the C.C.F. can be trusted to carry it to its ultimate conclusion.

9. The C.C.F. will continue to expand social welfare benefits

When we took office, a mother with two children received a Mother's Allowance of \$17.50—today that mother receives \$50.00 per month. Old Age Pensioners had a supplemental allowance of \$1.25 whereas today it averages \$8.00 and the amount of the pension has been doubled. In addition, health services have been provided for these groups entirely at the expense of the Provincial Government.

The people of this province will remember what the Liberals did for the needy and unfortunate when they were in office. They are also aware of what Liberal governments in other provinces are doing for old age and blind pensioners and mother's allowance cases. It is significant that not a single Liberal or Conservative government in Canada is providing supplemental allowances or health services to old age pensioners, blind pensioners or mother's allowance cases. Actions speak louder than words and the C.C.F. has shown by its actions that a fair share of our increasing revenues will be earmarked to provide greater security for those in need of financial assistance.

10. The C.C.F. will continue to attract new industries with a view to providing employment opportunities and creating a market for farm products

In the past ten years we have experienced the greatest economic expansion

in our history. The Department of Trade and Commerce has just estimated the 1956 investment for Saskatchewan at \$514,000,000. This is 6% greater than last year and \$40,000,000 more than the Province of Manitoba. Several multi-million dollar industries have come to Saskatchewan to produce uranium ore, potash, steel pipe and cement. Smaller industries are producing transformers, structural steel, lightweight aggregates and a host of other commodities. New plants to make wire and cable, plastic pipe, paper bags and sewer pipe are under construction. Nothing like it has ever been seen in our history before.

New industries mean more jobs, and more jobs mean more people with money to buy farm products. The C.C.F. have launched Saskatchewan on a wave of industrial expansion. With your support we can bring this province to an era of unprecedented stability and prosperity.

11. The C.C.F. will continue to improve the working conditions of wage earners and especially those in the low income brackets

Every piece of progressive labor legislation on the statute books was put there by a C.C.F. government. The Trade Union Act, two weeks holidays with pay, 75% workmen's compensation, shorter work week and higher minimum wages were all initiated by the C.C.F. The Liberal party who voted against this legislation are now promising "to safeguard the gains the workers have made". In the same manner they are promising "to preserve the security of the family farm"—yet every Liberal in the Legislature at the time voted against the Farm Security Act which guarantees the farm home against foreclosure and eviction. If you want to safeguard the gains you have made, I suggest you would be safer to trust those who established these gains rather than those who voted against them. It is a doubtful practice to put a weasel in a henhouse and expect it to raise chickens!

12. To provide greater stability in agriculture the C.C.F. will continue to fight for a fair share of the national income for farmers. In particular the C.C.F. will continue to urge the Federal Government:

- (1) To establish parity prices for farm products which will bear some relationship to farm costs.
- (2) To provide cash advances on farm-stored grain to be paid through the Wheat Board as a permanent feature of an orderly marketing system.
- (3) To sell our wheat and other farm surpluses by accepting partial payment in the currencies of other countries as well as by barter and bi-lateral trade agreements.
- (4) To establish a national livestock marketing plan and set up a board of livestock commissioners to assure the producers fair treatment on grade and weight.
- (5) To begin immediately the construction of the South Saskatchewan Dam.

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