

# COMPARE!

## The Callbeck Delay

## The Issues

## The Mella

**The Callbeck Delay:** Catherine Callbeck can't decide. Video gambling machines stay in corner stores. Our children remain in jeopardy.

**Video Gambling:**  
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**The Callbeck Delay:** Catherine Callbeck will deny Island children equal access to kindergarten.

**Kindergarten:**  
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**The Callbeck Delay:** Catherine Callbeck won't confirm a single school board until after the election. Instead she has ordered yet another investigation where she will be told what the government has already been told many times by the same people.

**Educational Reform:**  
The Minister of Education demands a single school board for the province. School trustees, home and school associations, teachers, parents and school board staff disagree. They want to maintain local control over education, keeping the school board system as it is, as a basis for reform.

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**The Callbeck Delay:** Catherine Callbeck has no plans for reform of government spending, budget control, financial planning or elimination of the wasteage of taxpayers dollars.

**Financial Mismanagement:**  
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**Freedom of Information:**  
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**The Callbeck Delay:** Catherine Callbeck continues the Joe Ghiz tradition of trampling on Islanders basic human rights, and spending more taxpayers dollars on Liberal lawyers.

**Human Rights:**  
The Liberal Government has abused the basic rights of Islanders. It has destroyed the credibility of the Human Rights Commission and impaired its ability to protect Islanders' basic rights. It has spent seven years and millions of dollars on Liberal lawyers evading its admitted abuses of human rights.

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**The Mella Way:** Pat Mella will keep the present school board system to avoid a new level of bureaucracy centralized in Charlottetown that is insensitive to local issues.

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**The Mella Way:** Pat Mella will restore credibility to the Human Rights Commission and strengthen Human Rights Legislation to protect Islanders' basic rights.



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M.H. Wigginton  
Chief Electoral Officer

**We Stand!**

# Island PC Job Creation Strategy. "Investing in our people"

## Three Prime Strategies.

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#### STRATEGIES

The job creation policy of Pat Mella and the Island PC's will have three major thrusts.

1. Stimulating the growth of presently successful business enterprise.
2. Stimulating and developing the growth of small home-based businesses throughout Prince Edward Island.
3. Aggressive prospecting of growth businesses to locate in Prince Edward Island.

#### TARGETING

The key to success is targeting growth in the economy of today and tomorrow. These industries are primarily high technology-knowledge based.

The Job-Creation Committee will consult with Island business people and other resources to assemble the latest data.

#### KNOWLEDGE BASED - HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES

The approach must be threefold:

1. Target and identify
2. Prospect and promote
3. Provide incentives to locate here.

#### HOME BASED INDUSTRIES

They are the fastest growing source of job creation in North America. They are industries which do not require a huge capital investment.

#### EXISTING BUSINESS

The businesses and industries presently at work on the Island are the most basic source of potential job creation. They must form the nucleus of any additional job creation, and should not be overlooked in any programs developed to locate new industry.

## The Job Creation Tax Credit.

Island PC's believe the best way to create new jobs is through tax benefits as incentives to encourage employers to expand their business.

Tax incentives do not require monetary outlay. They have no impact on the provincial budget or the deficit. If permanent job creation does not take place, nothing happens. If it does, the province has access to an ever increasing tax base.

The Island PC's would employ "the Job Creation Tax Credit" as a principle incentive to encourage job creation. We would create jobs by rewarding job creation. We would provide incentives only on provable results. We will carefully monitor the program and provide easily checked criteria.

1993 would be adopted as a base year. Based on the number of employees for who T-4s were issued in that calendar year, a base employment level for an individual business would be established. In a succeeding year (1993) every employee added to the base number would earn a tax credit for the employer.

The tax credit earned in any given year would be carried forward for two additional years, as long as the jobs and payroll were sustained.

Such a tax credit would be of particular benefit to small business enterprises.

It would apply as well to new business starting up. In order to kickstart the provincial economy, no provincial taxes of any kind would be paid by a new company in the first three years. As long as a company kept adding new employees tax credits would continue to be earned. If it dropped employees in any of the first three years, the credit for that year would be lost.

These are highlights only. For a complete copy of the Job Creation Strategy please contact:

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**ISLAND**  
*Taking Hold of Tomorrow!*

"We have a strategy...we have a plan. It has been put together by Islanders. It will put Islanders back to work. It will create opportunity. It will give Islanders hope...for a better future for themselves and for their children."





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Deirdre and Christine Smith,  
James Clement and Miles Gilbert.  
The director is Erskine Smith and  
Karen Smith is in charge of  
costumes.

Students and teachers at the  
Victoria Kindergarten toured the  
Summerside Animal Hospital this  
past week.

The Tryon Baptist Church  
Ladies will be holding their annual  
spring smorgasbord on Saturday,  
April 24, at the Tryon Hall.

In addition, the variety concert  
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DEAR ANIMAL LOVER:  
Although it may seem callous and  
uncaring, I would say don't stop.  
According to California Highway  
Patrol Officer William Preciado, a  
wounded wild animal could be  
rabid, vicious or both.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding noisy  
roosters: If a rooster cannot raise  
his head and stretch his neck, he  
cannot crow!

This information can solve the  
problem of the noisy crowing  
rooster that bothers neighbors of  
the rooster owner. A coop with a  
low roof is the solution. — MR.  
R.P. GARNETT

DEAR MR. GARNETT: Thank  
you. Your letter brings to mind a  
letter I published many years ago.  
A reader asked, "Does a rooster  
have a male organ?" "Yes," I  
replied, "but it's nothing to crow  
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# Where we Stand!

• New People

• New Vision

• New Ideas

## Clear Stand-

*The Island PCs bring something new to this election campaign... a decisive and unequivocal stand on the issues... a clear and positive voice speaking out for Islanders under the leadership of Pat Mella...*

## Video Gambling-

*The Island PCs will end video gambling, and remove this pervasive and highly addictive form of gambling from the Province.*

## Kindergarten-

*The Island PCs will introduce a universal kindergarten to the school system to give every child a fair and equal start in education.*

## Education Reform-

*The Island PCs support the system of four English language school boards presently in place to preserve parental control over the education of their children. We support reform of the system to remove duplication and waste; and reform of the Department of Education to ensure that its role remains relevant.*

## Land Ownership-

*The Island PCs support the recommendations of the Legislative Committee on land ownership, and will introduce them to the Legislature at the first opportunity.*

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It will cost Islanders  
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• Better Health Care  
• Job Creation  
• Improved Education  
• Seniors' Programs  
• or any other worthwhile  
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This is the kind of  
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**The Island PCs will eliminate patronage by  
introducing a tendering system for services such as  
legal services and accountancy; as well as placing  
casual highway and maintenance jobs under private  
tender.**

### **Financial Management-**

**The Island PCs will cut the costs of government by  
eliminating cars and other perks, reducing travel,  
controlling the growth of the civil service and  
introducing improved planning and control systems.**

### **Legislative Reform-**

**The Island PCs will immediately begin reforming the  
Legislature, by cutting the cabinet to nine members,  
eliminating extra pay and perks for MLAs, and  
cutting back the pension and benefits package.**

### **Freedom of Information-**

**The Island PCs believe in open, accessible government.  
We will introduce a Freedom of Information Act so  
Islanders will have access to information that is  
rightfully theirs.**

### **Fairness in Government-**

**The Island PCs believe that government must be fair.  
It must treat all Islanders equally and with justice.  
The practices that lead to special treatment for the  
favoured few will be eliminated.**

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# Where we Stand!

## The Island PC Job Creation Strategy Investing in our people - Primary Industries

### The Primary Industries

#### Agriculture...

The Island PC's are committed to the preservation of the family farm (as defined by the report of the Legislative Committee on Land Ownership... i.e. landowners living on the land where they work) as the heart of the agricultural industry, and rural society. Island PC's will:

1. Renegotiate the Federal Provincial Co-operative Agreement to make better use of the millions of dollars now being spent by Agriculture Canada.
2. Work with blueberry growers in the West Prince, Southern Queens and Kings Counties area to develop the blueberry industry as a secondary industry of processing and marketing.
3. Redirect the Food Technology Centre to research new markets and processing techniques for an expanded small fruit industry as well as for the vegetable and cole crop industries.
4. Support a new farmer program to provide new entrants with a five-year farm lease program interest free for the first five years with a renewal option for an additional five years, at interest rates not to exceed five percent.

#### Fishing...

Seafood products account for about one third of our international exports.

The fishery is unlikely to undergo much expansion over the next few years as a source of primary employment, because of declining stocks.

The government must work with those employed in the fishery to preserve and maintain the stocks presently available, and to intercede with the Federal government where necessary.

An Island PC government will work with fishermen on port improvement, and negotiate on their behalf to make their case on issues such as carapace size.

An Island PC government will accelerate development of the aquaculture industry as an alternative to traditional fishing patterns, and a source of year round employment.

#### Tourism...

The trend towards fewer tourists spending fewer dollars must be reversed by better marketing. An Island PC government will provide leadership to the industry.

Island PC's recognize that the economic heart of the tourist industry is with the seasonal operators, and that their interests must not be lost in any development of the industry.

An Island PC government will encourage the industry to make its own decisions, with government providing a support role in marketing and development.

For instance, a PC government would carefully monitor national and international trends, and provide strong support for the concept of so call "green tourism", a growing market sector the Island can uniquely satisfy.

### Added Value... The Cradle of Quality

The secondary side of agriculture and fishing is the processing or "added value" sector. The sector provides jobs ranging from a dozen weeks of work per year to year-round, fulltime employment.

Opportunities for increased employment in the "added value" sector range from "very good" in agriculture, to "limited" in fishing until stocks improve.

Island PC's will aggressively seek out marketing opportunities to develop more "added value" industry to Prince Edward Island. "Added value" industries will be eligible for job creation tax credits and other programs. Island PC's will also seek out opportunities to locate home-based added value business on farmsteads and in fishing ports to prepare and process specialty items aimed at niche markets.

#### Cradle of Quality...

These industries would be developed and their products marketed under the trade name "Cradle of Quality".

Cradle of Quality is a marketing concept whereby specially selected added value products would be subject to rigorous standards of quality control at each step in the process of growing or catching, and then processing and packaging the product for upscale niche markets. The marketing concept would take advantage of current trends in the economy towards heritage food packaging for easy home preparation and chemical-free products.

#### Program Cost...

The resources to put this phase of the Island PC Job Creation Strategy into effect now exists within government service. What is required is leadership, vision and energy to make effective use of resources. The Island Ventures program requires no initial outlay of public money. The Public Treasury would be responsible only for those loans which default. The Ontario experience indicates that the cost of defaulted loans is far exceeded by revenue from the increased tax base the program creates.

### Island Ventures

To assist development of business in well as other home based industries introduce a new program of start up Ventures.

The program is designed to improve by encouraging entrepreneurs to use program helps entrepreneurs who do not assets based financing from private sources. The program will make loans available maximum of \$15,000, providing a period. The amount of the loans may contribution from the borrower. Each source.

\* applicants must be Island residents to work in Canada;

\* only new business start-ups or those three months prior to application are eligible;

\* the applicant and/or family member must be involved in the business at least extension;

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These are highlights only. For a complete copy of the Island Ventures program contact PC Headquarters, P.O. Box 578 Shops of St. Andrews, 8 Mt. Edward Road Charlottetown, PEI C1A 7A1 Tel: 628-8679

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To assist development of business in tourism, fishing, and agriculture, as well as other home based industries, an Island PC government will introduce a new program of start up assistance called... "Island Ventures."

The program is designed to improve the quality of new business start-ups by encouraging entrepreneurs to use business planning methods. The program helps entrepreneurs who do not have bankable assets to obtain non assets based financing from private sector lenders.

Island Ventures will make loans available to qualified Islanders to a maximum of \$15,000, providing a 100 percent guarantee for a five year period. The amount of the loans must be matched by an equity contribution from the borrower. Each firm is limited to one loan from this source.

• applicants must be Island residents, aged 18 years or older, and eligible to work in Canada;

• only new business start-ups or those registered or incorporated less than three months prior to application are eligible;

• the applicant and/or family members should not own any similar business of which the new venture might be considered a natural extension;

• in a partnership, each partner must be eligible for the loan although each business may receive only one loan;

• at the time of the loan approval, applicants must make a cash equity contribution in the business at least equal to the loan.

Similar programs are in effect in Ontario and Alberta where thousands of new jobs have been created at no cost to the public treasury.

Experience there indicates that each business receiving a loan creates two jobs besides that of the owner-operator.

The Island Ventures program will involve banks as the actual lenders. In today's economy, banks are often reluctant to provide small loans to small business, but they will do so with the backing of a government guarantee.

Terms of the loan are negotiated by the lender and borrower but only interest need be paid back in the first year of the loan.

Because loans are made through banks, the Island Venture program has no impact on the provincial deficit or debt.

Experience elsewhere has shown that the positive financial input from increased employment and economic stimulation exceeds the cost of defaulted loans.

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## Island PC's On A Roll

The Big Blue Wave is comin' on. That is the clear and obvious trend as this 1993 election campaign goes into its final week.

It began as a ripple down in Kings County as far back as last fall. You could first see the stirrings in the crowds coming out to nomination meetings... a packed Cardigan Hall to nominate Doug Johnston and John Callaghan... the biggest crowd in years to affirm leader Pat Mella and choose Mildred Dover as her running mate.

You could sense it in the enthusiasm every nomination crowd gave to the visionary words of Pat Mella... inspiring words to rally support behind a concept of government promising honesty, truth and fairness in government. As the call for an

election came nearer and nearer you could sense the growing intensity... and by the time the campaign was one week old, the trend was obvious... the Big Blue Wave... was sweeping out of Kings County to engulf Liberal red and sweep the Island PC's riding its crest to victory.

There are very clear reasons why Pat Mella's Island PC's go into the final week of the campaign on the rise. Most important is the obvious and evident fact that she and her candidates have simply out campaigned their opponents in every one of the Island's sixteen districts.

Just as important as the style of the PC campaign, has been its concentration on substance, with clearly stated positions on the major issues facing Island-



ers; plans for change and reform of government; and a workable minimum cost program of job creation worked out with considerable ingenuity.

These have formed the basis of question and answer sessions at the popular Town Hall

Meetings, a new form of campaigning here on the Island, and one which contrasted sharply with the Liberals peek-a-boo style with their leader.

Night after night Pat Mella sat on her special swivel stool and talked about the issues with

the people for ninety and more. Questions always get the answers wanted to hear, but got an answer. The high marks from everyone attended one of the for her warmth, intelligence and her candour.

## THE PC VISION...

We see a province where the people can trust the government to manage their affairs with honesty, integrity, equality and openness. Where people receive equal treatment before the law; and fairness in all the workings of government.

Where people can find work that restores their dignity and belief in themselves.

Where young people can get the education and training to realize their individual potential. Where the environment is preserved and protected in trust for future generations.

Where seniors are respected for their contributions and cared for with compassion.

Where government helps people adapt to change in the economic and social structure of the province.

## Liberals Sinking...

The last week of the campaign will determine just how far The Big Blue Wave will carry Pat Mella's Island PC's, but without question, the dynamics of this election campaign have changed dramatically since the election call.

For the Liberals, their peek-a-boo strategy of hiding their leader from press and public, and avoiding every major issue of concern to Islanders, has simply stumbled from one media disaster to another.

Reporters covering the campaign soon became fed up with the lack of access to Liberal leader Catherine Callbeck, protected and coddled by her handlers from as little contact as possible with the media and the people. Stories about the Liberals which did make it to air, usually featured slights like Ms. Callbeck being hustled away from a Liberal questioner, or exposes of Liberal practices like getting

their signs painted on province to protect

The campaign sold Callbeck's reputation as an indecisive leader who answers to any problem with defer, delay and put decision. It revealed a government as tired, error-prone, devoid of ideas, unable to contribute anything making life better for

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## Queens County In the Thick of It

Ron Myers, with the task of defeating Queen Catherine Callbeck in front of him, is typical of the Island PC spirit in this campaign. To Ron, the Liberal leader is just another Liberal politician to be taken out in favour of a Tory. His running mate, Wilber Lamont, with an easier fight of it against Marion Murphy marvels at the drive and energy Ron is putting into his campaign.

In 2nd Queens the spirit is just as high with Brian Dollar and George Watts. The heavyweight duo are putting everything into the effort to win the district, totally unfazed at the notion that they are taking on two supposed Liberal heavyweights.

3rd Queens is one of the most important battle-grounds of the campaign. There, schoolteacher Mildred Dover has joined fellow schoolteacher and

party leader Pat Mella to teach a lesson in the conduct of modern politics to their Liberal opponents. Word has it that the Grit stalwarts will learn their real lesson on Monday March 29 when the voters of the district give them a failing grade.

4th Queens is another Liberal redoubt about to be stormed,

this time by Wilbur MacDonald and Louis Douse. The combination of Douse energy and enthusiasm, and MacDonald experience and wisdom... is a tough combination to beat. Word was halfway through the campaign that Alan Buchanan's supporters were already breaking out the white flag in surrender and

another was soon to follow for Lynwood MacPherson.

Diane Griffith and Stuart Drummond have found out more than they ever wanted to know about who shovels their walkway and who doesn't, in the past couple of weeks. They have been on an extensive house to house campaign in one of the two most heavily populated districts in the province. But the hard work is paying off. Both report a surprising number of people who say they've had enough after seven years of Liberal rule.

The same reports come from 5th Queens each day that Lloyd McKeena and Chester Gillan hit the sidewalks. Both men are first time candidates, but they are running a well organized campaign that has the Liberal incumbents visibly nervous. They have reason to be. With any kind of an Island PC trend, both men could win seats in what has previously been a Conservative riding.



## Job Creation - The Central Campaign Issue

Job creation is the only long lasting way to attack the deficit and debt... the only way the province can earn more money to pay for programs.

The three financial mechanisms we have developed to create more jobs are:

1. Tax Incentives
2. Island Ventures
3. The Islander Investment Fund

These programs have no net negative effect on the deficit.

### Tax Incentives

Provincial Tax Credits to the employer are more than offset by revenues from the greater tax base that spending from the new jobs creates.

### Island Ventures

This program requires no immediate outlay of funds. It involves loan guarantees, rather than outright loans. However, funds can be held in reserve to be used in the event of loan default.

In the first year of the program, when only the interest need be repaid, the likelihood of default is minimal. In Ontario the default rate overall has been 24% of all loans guaranteed.

The Island Ventures Fund estimates a potential default rate of 30%. That means that for each million dollars in loans guaranteed, about \$300,000 must be held in reserve to cover payment of potential default.

This does not mean that new money must be found to pay for the program. Money can be re-allocated from present programs.

The program has no negative impact on the deficit in any case. The jobs created by the paid up loans, builds an additional tax base that returns sufficient revenue to the treasury to exceed the cost of defaulted loans.

### Islander Investment Fund

The provincial tax credit to investors is offset by the greater tax base created by more employment.

Each person taken off social assistance programs helps reduce the deficit.

You save the money being spent by government in assistance, and turn each person into a revenue source for government.

Those are the major programs. Their benefits will more than offset the costs.

### The Cradle of Quality

This marketing concept requires only a re-direction of present resources.

### Young Farmers Program

This interest buy down program is designed to make it possible for young farmers to enter agriculture, and maintain that industry as the basis of our economy. It will not be costly, relative to the potential economic benefits.

A 500-acre potato farm is really a small business capable of

generating \$350,000 dollars annually in gross income, and a dozen jobs; apart from the spin-off effects in the economy.

Therefore... it's just good business sense, as well as good social policy, to keep our farms in the hands of young Islanders... so they can continue to contribute to the economic and social well being of the province.

The amount of money we will allocate to the program will be determined by demand and availability of funds.

However, let us assume applicants want to borrow a total of \$2.5 million per year. The annual cost would be \$250,000 per year in interest buy down. That is the amount we would set aside in the beginning years of the program. We would make adjustments up or down from that amount depending on circumstances.

The economic benefits to the province would be several million dollars - a net gain on the deficit.



# Pat Mella: A Leader For Her T

Veteran political pundits say, they have never seen anything like it... the dynamo known as Pat Mella, as she tirelessly campaigns across Prince Edward Island. She seems a figure of boundless energy, never without a smile, a handshake, or a hug after hours of tromping through snowbanks in this, one of the toughest March months in years.

And then, at the end of a workday that would cause collapse in most people, there she is snuggled into her bar stool, fielding question after question with rare good grace at a Town Hall Meeting.

It's doubtful that the PC loyalists who elected her Party leader nearly three years ago, had any inkling of the thoroughbred quality they were getting in their new boss. The Party was at its lowest ebb in years, deeply in debt and wholly dispirited following the 30-2 rout in the 1989 election.

And if she was daunted at all by the seeming immensity of the task confronting her, Pat Mella never let on. With the help of a few key people, she began to rebuild her Party and to be ready for the next election call.

Pat Mella operated on a fairly simple premise; if she couldn't get the Party's financial and organizational problems solved, there was no way she and the party could ask the electorate to let the Island PC's run the province.

She succeeded, and just in time. Pat Mella criss-crossed the province visiting each district at least twice, and some three or four times. By the time 1993 rolled around, Pat Mella and her party were debt free, organized, ready and willing to take on the Grits.

The conventional wisdom at the beginning of the campaign was that Mella and her PC's were starting from far back, in effect

from a zero base, with the resignations of Leone Bagnall and Albert Bogarty as the campaign started. Again Pat Mella showed her mettle. For her it was simply another uphill battle to be won.

As leader of the Party, she has the responsibility to help and campaign with other candidates, but also she has her own seat to win, if she wants to take her place as Premier of the Province.

That likelihood is getting greater with each passing day of the campaign. The Island PC's may have started far back, but they have been closing with each passing day. Now it's a question of catching the frontrunner before the post is reached on March 29.

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## Financing the Island PC Program

Financing for the Island PC program will be accomplished in three ways;

1. Programs such as the Tax Incentive Job Creation Program, and the Islander Investment Fund have no direct financial impact, and are, in effect, self financing.

2. Increased government revenues from expanded

economic activity generated by an improved economy, the fixed link (\$400 M expenditure on P.E.I.), and the results of the Job Creation Strategy.

3. Savings from government operation, and elimination of government mismanagement and waste.

The immense impact of

government mismanagement and waste on the budget and the deficit, is not generally understood or appreciated. The Island PCs will:

1. Save money on current operations through legislative reform, priority setting, planning and controls.
2. Not spend taxpayers' money on wasteful, politically motivated items, like:
  - \$702,000 to settle Indian River Farms
  - \$2.5 M in legal, accounting fees and court awards settling Gemini Foods
  - \$1 M in legal fees to defend the Liberal Party in Human Rights abuse cases.
  - \$3 M lost on Abegweit Foods
  - Several millions in legal and accounting fees, and lost investment putting Perfection Foods out of business with a loss of 200 jobs.
  - Hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal bills to gain control of Anne of Green Gables Rights
  - Millions in receivers fees, legal and accounting bills



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politicians, one with clear insight into the issues, and the courage to take clearly defined stands.

There remains only the final week of the campaign for Pat Mella to solidify her support through the series of debate that

will fill the final week of the campaign. After that, the only stop left is that big office on the fifth floor of the big concrete building on Rochford Street in Charlottetown.



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to write off public investment in companies, originally motivated by political rather than business reasons.

These many millions of wasted dollars spent protecting the Liberal Party, have crippled efforts at job creation and the delivery of social programs.

For instance, we know the golf course in Miramichi will cost taxpayers in subsidy - but we don't know how much. We know that because Liberal MLA's and Poll Chairmen are recruiting workers as part of the election campaign - so the taxpayer must be footing the bill.

These costs are all included in government accounting as normal public expenditures. They are not. They should not form the basis of an acceptable level of government spending. They are expenditures totally attributable to the mismanagement of government, and a desire to protect the Liberal Party.

While it is difficult to account for these expenditures accurately, because of government secrecy, we estimate that up to

\$10M of this year's deficit can be found in this kind of waste and mismanagement.

This is what makes it impossible for the province to manage the deficit, and at the same time provide the level of service the people of the province have a right to expect.

The point is - proper management, priority setting, budgetary controls and similar measures will free up all the dollars needed to pay for the PC program, without impact on the deficit.

Simply put - we will clean house rather than keep our children out of kindergarten and expose our people to the addictive nature of video gambling.

The real reason for denying kindergarten and sponsoring video gambling is not the lack of public funds - it is Liberal government mismanagement and misspending of public funds.





# Where we Stand!

## The Island PC Job Creation "Investing in our people"

### Leadership at the Top.

#### PRIORITY

Job creation will be the number one priority of the new government.

Public money invested in job creation is an investment in our people. Education, finance and industry must come together in government-led strategies.

Any worthwhile job-creation strategy must be based on equipping people for the jobs of today and tomorrow, and not yesterday; in the industries most likely to flourish in the future. Pat Mella and the Island PC's believe government has a clearly defined role to play in job creation, based on principles of investment and return to the shareholders, the taxpayers of Prince Edward Island.

#### THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

1. Provide leadership on job creation.
2. Create a climate friendly to business investment.
3. Invest in the infrastructure and services needed by business to operate successfully within the province.
4. Invest in the training and re-training of workers and management.
5. Align the taxpayers investment with current and predictable trends in business development.

#### GOALS

The goal of the Island PC job-creation strategy is to create sufficient long-term jobs in growth industries to reduce our dependency on social assistance and unemployment insurance; and make a significant impact on reducing the deficit.

#### FOCUS

The creation of jobs must remain the primary focus of the government. A "Job-Creation Strategy Cabinet Committee" will be created and chaired by the Premier.

The permanent members of the committee will be, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Education and the Minister of Industry.

The Committee will be the decision-making body, dealing directly with business and industry.

### Three Prime Strategies.

#### STRATEGIES

The job creation policy of Pat Mella and the Island PC's will have three major thrusts.

1. Stimulating the growth of presently successful business enterprise.
2. Stimulating and developing the growth of small home-based businesses throughout Prince Edward Island.
3. Aggressive prospecting of growth businesses to locate in Prince Edward Island.

#### TARGETING

The key to success is targeting growth in the economy of today and tomorrow. These industries are primarily high technology-knowledge based.

The Job-Creation Committee will consult with Island business people and other resources to assemble the latest data.

#### KNOWLEDGE BASED - HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES

The approach must be threefold:

1. Target and identify
2. Prospect and promote
3. Provide incentives to locate here.

#### HOME BASED INDUSTRIES

These are the fastest growing source of job creation in North America.

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#### EXISTING BUSINESS

The businesses and industries presently at work on the Island are the most basic source of potential job creation. They must form the nucleus of any additional job creation, and should not be overlooked in any programs developed to locate new industry.

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## The Primary Industries

### AGRICULTURE...

The Island PC's are committed to the preservation of the family farm (as defined by the report of the Legislative Committee on Land Ownership... i.e. landowners living on the land where they work) as the heart of the agricultural industry, and rural society. Island PC's will:

1. Renegotiate the Federal Provincial Co-operative Agreement to make better use of the millions of dollars now being spent by Agriculture Canada.
2. Work with blueberry growers in the West Prince, Southern Queens and Kings Counties area to develop the blueberry industry as a secondary industry of processing and marketing.
3. Redirect the Food Technology Centre to research new markets and processing techniques for an expanded small fruit industry as well as for the vegetable and cole crop industries.
4. Support a new farmer program to provide new entrants with a five-year farm lease program interest free for the first five years with a renewal option for an additional five years, at interest rates not to exceed five percent.

### FISHING...

Seafood products account for about one third of our international exports.

The fishery is unlikely to undergo much expansion over the next few years as a source of primary employment, because of declining stocks.

The government must work with those employed in the Fishery to preserve and maintain the stocks presently available, and to intercede with the Federal government where necessary.

An Island PC government will work with fishermen on port improvement, and negotiate on their behalf to make their case on issues such as carapace size.

An Island PC government will accelerate development of the aquaculture industry as an alternative to traditional fishing patterns, and a source of year round employment.

### TOURISM...

The trend towards fewer tourists spending fewer dollars must be reversed by better marketing. An Island PC government will provide leadership to the industry.

Island PC's recognize that the economic heart of the tourist industry is with the seasonal operators, and that their interests must not be lost in any development of the industry.

An Island PC government will encourage the industry to make its own decisions, with government providing a support role in marketing and development.

For instance, a PC government would carefully monitor national and international trends, and provide strong support for the concept of so call "green tourism", a growing market sector the Island can uniquely satisfy.

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# Where we Stand!

## The Island PC Job Creation Investing in our people

### The Job Creation Tax Credit.

The Island PC's believe the best way to create new jobs is through tax benefits as incentives to encourage employers to expand their business. Tax incentives do not require monetary outlay. They have no impact on the provincial budget or the deficit. If permanent job creation does not take place, nothing happens. If it does, the province has access to an ever increasing tax base.

The Island PC's would employ "the Job Creation Tax Credit" as a principle incentive to encourage job creation. We would create jobs by rewarding job creation. We would provide incentives only on provable results. We will carefully monitor the program and provide easily checked criteria.

1993 would be adopted as a base year. Based on the number of employees for who T-4s were issued in that calendar year, a base employment level for an individual business would be established.

In a succeeding year (1993) every employee added to the base number would earn a tax credit for the employer.

The tax credit earned in any given year would be carried forward for two additional years, as long as the jobs and payroll were sustained.

Such a tax credit would be of particular benefit to small business enterprises.

It would apply as well to new business starting up. In order to kickstart the provincial economy, no provincial taxes of any kind would be paid by a new company in the first three years. As long as a company kept adding new employees tax credits would continue to be earned. If it dropped employees in any of the first three years, the credit for that year would be lost.

### The Islander Investment Fund

This is a fund to be set up by the Island PC government in which Islanders can invest a portion of their savings. The pool of money thus accumulated will be used to finance small

business development on Prince Edward Island. The fund gives Islanders the opportunity to help improve the availability of jobs for other

Islanders, and at the same time, receive very attractive tax benefits.

For instance, every dollar invested in the fund returns a tax credit of forty percent to the investor. In addition, if the investor wishes to transfer the investment to an RRSP, further tax savings between 27 and 48% are realized.

For the investor, the figures work this way for each \$1,000 investment. The investor would get back \$400 in tax credits, and a further \$370 to \$480 depending on the tax bracket if the investment was registered as an RRSP. That's a total savings of between \$670 and \$880, reducing the real cost of the investment to between \$330 and \$120.

### Job Creation Through The Islander Investment Fund

The Fund would be authorized to make investments in selected business enterprises without security or guarantee, but could not invest more than 5% of the total fund assets in any single enterprise. The Fund would be authorized to make any suitable kind of investment in a business, using what ever terms and conditions it saw fit.

One thousand Islanders, investing \$1,000 each, would create an investment fund of one million dollars in the first year of the Fund's operation, making \$600,000 available for investment in Island business enterprises.

At that minimal rate, three million dollars would be invested in Island enterprises in the first five years of the Fund.

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## Island Ventures

To assist development of business in tourism, fishing, and agriculture, as well as other home based industries, an Island PC government will introduce a new program of start up assistance called... "Island Ventures."

The program is designed to improve the quality of new business start-ups by encouraging entrepreneurs to use business planning methods. The program helps entrepreneurs who do not have bankable assets to obtain non-assets-based financing from private sector lenders.

Island Ventures will make loans available to qualified Islanders to a maximum of \$15,000, providing a 100 percent guarantee for a five year period. The amount of the loans must be matched by an equity contribution from the borrower. Each firm is limited to one loan from this source.

- applicants must be Island residents, aged 18 years or older, and eligible to work in Canada;
- only new business start-ups or those registered or incorporated less than three months prior to application are eligible;
- the applicant and/or family members should not own any similar business of which the new venture might be considered a natural extension;
- in a partnership, each partner must be eligible for the loan although each business may receive only one loan;
- at the time of the loan approval, applicants must make a cash equity contribution in the business at least equal to the loan.

Similar programs are in effect in Ontario and Alberta where thousands of new jobs have been created at no cost to the public treasury.

Experience there indicates that each business receiving a loan creates two jobs besides that of the owner-operator.

The Island Ventures program will involve banks as the actual lenders. In today's economy, banks are often reluctant to provide small loans to small business, but they will do so with the backing of a government guarantee.

Terms of the loan are negotiated by the lender and borrower but only interest need be paid back in the first year of the loan.

Because loans are made through banks, the Island Venture program has no impact on the provincial deficit or debt.

Experience elsewhere has shown that the positive financial input from increased employment and economic stimulation exceeds the cost of defaulted loans.

These are highlights only. For a complete copy of the Job Creation Strategy please contact:

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"We have a strategy...we have a plan. It has been put together by Islanders. It will put Islanders back to work. It will create opportunity. It will give Islanders hope...for a better future for themselves and for their





# Prince County Fighting Hard

Prince County is fighting hard to take its place with the other Island PC winners on Election Day. Old timers say they've never seen anything like it. Liberal strongholds are shaking at their foundations from the campaign assaults of a team of highly motivated and energetic PC candidates.

Dr. Gary Morgan and Larry Gaudet began the movement up west, working hard to shake up the District of 1st Prince, the longtime fortress of the late Bob Campbell, and the home of Industry Minister Bobbie Morrissey. The dynamic duo report continual progress in their efforts to turn 1st Prince from red to Tory blue.

In 2nd Prince, where Allison Ellis' resignation from the Liberal camp caused

great consternation amongst the Grits, and no end of burning red embarrassment, Jimmie Stewart and Donna Williams were late into the fray, but are making up miles every day.



In the third district, the Liberals turned tail and ran from a debate with Emile Gallant and Lorne Ramsay, refusing to engage in public debate. That action made its own comment

on the state of the race in the Island's only Acadian district.

"Mac" Macdonald and Greg Deighan experienced the same frustration in the 5th district. There too the Liberals put their candidates under wraps, refusing to meet head to head under any circumstance. It must be difficult for the Liberal candidates to be so ashamed of their party's record that they can't talk about it in public.

In 4th Prince, an unfortunate bit of timing made the Blue campaign more difficult to carry on.

Fred McCordie made plans many months ago to be married in Vancouver and then honeymoon in Hawaii. He couldn't cancel his plans, so Roy MacFarlane soldiered on alone. But Fred will be back with him for the final week, and that could just make the difference.

## Land Use Report Should Go to Legislature

The P.E.I. Legislature unanimously approved a motion to set up a special committee to study the question of land ownership on Prince Edward Island in March of 1992. Previously the Liberal government has set up a Royal Commission to undertake a comprehensive study of land ownership and use. The Boylan Committee handed down its findings in the fall of 1990. The government took no action on the report, and especially on the commission's major findings relating to land use.

The government still has not made any effort to deal with questions of land use, even though questions of land use and ownership are closely intertwined.

The report of the Legis-

lative Committee is exhaustive and well documented. The recommendations reflect the growing public concern over the disposition of the province's major natural resource. It notes that over the

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past couple of decades there has been an increasing acceptance on the part of the public for the principal that "an individual's use of his or her land can have social, economic, or environmental impacts that go far beyond the boundaries of the land."

The Island PC's believe the conclusions and recommendations of this report consti-

tute a majority expression of the public will, and as such, should be placed before the Legislature for debate and adoption, at the earliest opportunity.

The appropriate legislation required to implement the recommendations will receive the endorsement of the PC Party of Prince Edward Island. As the government Party, the Island PC's would draw up and introduce such legislation as a matter of priority.

While legislative debate may bring forth the need for fine tuning of the recommendations, the Island PC's strongly support the underlying philosophy and strategy embodied in the recommendations. We say this because of the experience of Islanders with past recommendations from legislative committees, the committee on Sunday shop-

ping for instance, when the report of the committee was changed drastically, and the will of the people flouted by the Liberal government of the day.

The Island PC's strongly support the intent of land ownership legislation to keep land in the hands of Island based bona fide farmers who may or may not form corporate entities. There are important social goals at stake in achieving this objective, as well as economic benefits.

An Island PC government will complete the job begun by the recommendations of the Land Use Committee, and examine the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Land, to bring a comprehensive package of land directed legislation before the legislature at the earliest opportunity.

# Kick-Off In Kings County

When the votes are counted on March 29, there's no doubt that Kings County will play the major role in determining the outcome of this election. That's where the Big Blue Wave started to curl, and that's where The Resurgent Island PC's launched this exciting campaign with one of the most successful rallies in recent Island political history.

But the wildly enthusiastic crowd that jam-packed the Montague high school was simply evidence of what insiders already knew... Tory blue was waving proud in the eastern extremities of this Island.

Kevin MacAdam and Henry Compton, on the campaign trail as early as last November,

began picking up signs of a shift almost immediately. They instituted their own "tracking" system to get a better fix on where the vote was falling. From their first day of door knocking, the lot of the Island PC's in 2nd Kings has been improving.

In 3rd Kings, where Doug Johnston and John Callaghan were nominated in a packed Cardigan Hall, the same phenomenon began to take place. Hardly a day went by that a disaffected Liberal, disgusted by seven years of dictatorial government, didn't tell the candidates that a vote switch was underway.

Wesley Stead and Hal

Jamieson were late off the mark, but they have been trying to make up for lost time from the night of their nomination. They know they are battling the odds in 5th Kings, but the curious thing about the Big Blue Wave, is that you never know who just might ride it home to victory.

The same tough odds apply in the 4th district where Marjory Tattre takes her second run at public office, this time joined by co-campaigner, Philip Curley. Based on her experience in the '89 election, Marjory knows that only hard work and determination make the breaks. If that's what it takes, she and Philip Curley

have the right stuff.

Craig Norton and Peter McQuaid have lots of the right stuff going for them down in Albert Fogarty country, in 1st Kings. These are two seats that could come home to the Big Blue Wave this time around. The candidates are bright, personable and energetic... just the qualities needed to get the Big Blue Wave in gear. After that... where it stops nobody knows for sure.

## Kindergarten - An Investment in Our Children

Kindergarten is an investment in our young people. It is a saving in the long term, because children who don't start school with kindergarten cost more later on for remedial work. Others don't ever catch up. They drop out, and often end up on social assistance.

We would phase in our

kindergarten program. There are certain steps we must determine first; an inventory of human and physical resources; the appropriate ratio of children to teachers; and the upgrading necessary for the staff presently working in kindergartens.

For instance, if we base our program on the New Brunswick

model, we would contemplate an expenditure of \$1,200 per child, yearly.

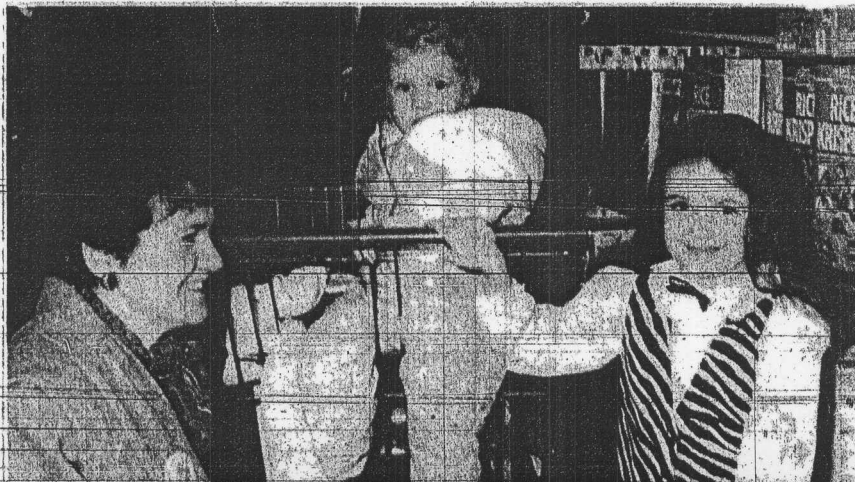
We are dealing with about 2,000 children. That would indicate expenses of about 2.5 million dollars per year, depending on our ability to use excess facilities, which we know exist in almost every school.

Other space can be leased from facilities presently being used for kindergartens. Children would be transported in school buses.

We would also adopt the New Brunswick approach of allowing several years for existing staff to upgrade and integrate themselves into the new system.

There are other options. We may not launch a province wide system all at once - though that is the preferred way.

Our financing of the kindergarten program begins with grants now being paid by government to send children to privately operated kindergartens. That money would become available to help pay for a universal system. At present 2 million dollars is spent in child care and kindergarten subsidy. The amount spent on kindergarten subsidy is likely about \$500,000. That amount can be applied to the cost of a universal





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In any case, allowing for twice the cost of the equivalent New Brunswick program as an estimate, our cost would not exceed 4 million annually over present expenditures.

A universal kindergarten is the only fair way to give all our children an equal chance at a good education.

se Fairness in government is at the heart of Island PC policy.

# • New People • New Ideas • New Vision

## **Clear Stand-**

The Island PCs bring something new to this election campaign... a decisive and unequivocal stand on the issues... a clear and positive voice speaking out for Islanders under the leadership of Pat Mella...

## **Financial Management-**

The Island PCs will cut the costs of government by eliminating cars and other perks, reducing travel, controlling the growth of the civil service and introducing improved planning and control systems.

## **Legislative Reform-**

The Island PCs will immediately begin reforming the Legislature, by cutting the cabinet to nine members, eliminating extra pay and perks for MLAs, and cutting back the pension and benefits package.

## **Freedom of Information-**

The Island PCs believe in open, accessible government. We will introduce a Freedom of Information Act so Islanders will have access to information that is rightfully theirs.

## **Fairness in Government-**

The Island PCs believe that government must be fair. It must treat all Islanders equally and with justice. The practices that lead to special treatment for the favoured few will be

## **Patronage-**

The Island PCs will eliminate patronage by introducing a tendering system for services such as legal services and accountancy; as well as placing casual highway and maintenance jobs under private tender.

## **Video Gambling-**

The Island PCs will end video gambling, and remove this pervasive and highly addictive form of gambling from the Province.

## **Kindergarten-**

The Island PCs will introduce a universal kindergarten to the school system to give every child a fair and equal start in education.

## **Education Reform-**

The Island PCs support the system of four English language school boards presently in place to preserve parental control over the education of their children. We support reform of the system to remove duplication and waste; and reform of the Department of Education to ensure that its role remains relevant.

## **Land Ownership-**

The Island PCs support the recommendations of the Legislative Committee on land ownership, and will introduce them to the Legislature at the first