

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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UoM = University of Manitoba
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THE MANITOBA SOCIAL CREDIT LEAGUE, INC.

MANIFESTO--

TO THE PEOPLE OF MANITOBA:

GREETINGS....

The aims of the Manitoba Social Credit League are.....

- (1) To abolish poverty in Manitoba and to use the enormous resources of the Province to that end.
- (2) To reform the monetary system of Canada and to issue currency and credit in terms of public need.
- (3) To increase production by means of Government Interest-Free Loans until the needs of the people are satisfied.
- (4) To increase consumption to our production potential production of wanted goods by means of increased purchasing power.
- (5) To guarantee to all wage-earners and producers a just return for their goods and services.
- (6) To consistently reduce taxation which is at present a constant drain on our purchasing power.
- (7) To organize our economic system in such a way as to give basic security as a right to every man, woman and child in Manitoba, which would adequately provide security for sickness, hospitalization, unemployment, pensions and other dependent circumstances and furnish as full a standard of living as our natural resources and ability to produce will permit.

INTERIM PROGRAM:

The Manitoba Social Credit League, Inc., has carefully prepared an interim program to be undertaken so that the application of the general proposals outlined below can be introduced smoothly and without dislocation to the social life of the province. The principal requirement is that the Dominion Government should instruct the Bank of Canada to carry out its proper function-- that of regulating the Nation's money supply to meet the requirements of the people, and subject to the control of policy by the people of the province through a provincial credit authority. These recommendations are made within the limitations of the present monetary system and its adaptation to meet the transition period to a new economic order.

PROVINCIAL DEBT AND FINANCE:

(1) Owing to the problems arising out of national policies such as the tariffs- freight rate structure- high interest rates- monetary policy of the Dominion during depression years, the people of Manitoba demand that: the Dominion Government should instruct the Bank of Canada to underwrite the refunding of the balance of provincial debt at a low rate of interest, not to exceed Two Per-Cent.

The People of Manitoba further demand that:

(2) The Dominion should immediately provide the provincial government with adequate facilities to deal with the civic, municipal, and private debts of the province.

(2)

(3) The Dominion assume all Provincial and Municipal debts incurred for Relief purposes.

(4) Assume the entire costs of:- (A)- Unemployment relief. (B)- Old Age pensions.

Owing to the Land Settlement policy of the Dominion and problems arising therefrom; the Dominion should at least share part of the losses sustained by the province in: (a)- Cost of Agriculture Relief in the Drought Area.... (b)- Development of Irrigation and Conservation projects.

If these demands are not met, a Social Credit Government would not hesitate to proclaim a Moratorium if it deemed such action necessary.

GRANTS-IN-AID:

Owing to the growing burden of Social Services and the increasing impotence of adequate provision for Highways, the people of Manitoba demand: that that the Dominion Government should inaugurate and maintain adequate Grants in-aid to the province in respect to the following: (a)-Public Health Services. (b)- Education. (c) Mother's Allowances. (d)- Highway construction and maintenance.

ECONOMIC RESTORATION:

The people of Manitoba demand that:

The Dominion Government should provide adequate transportation facilities between provinces by undertaking the construction and maintenance of a properly surfaced Transcontinental Highway.

Make available monetary facilities for an extensive Rural Urban Home Building program and Credits to Agriculture, Mining, Manufacturing, Fishing, Fur Farming, and other industrial developments at low interest rates and for long terms. In the event of its failure to do so the province to pledge its credit to such provincial utilities as are deemed necessary for the development of the Natural Resources of the Province.

The Dominion Government is responsible for marketing handiworks of Freight-Rates, International Tariffs and Quotas, and the people of Manitoba demand that provision be made for the establishment of minimum prices to the producer for wheat and Livestock, commensurate with the reasonable cost of production. In the event of failure to do so the Province to resort to barter.

The primary function and duty of a Social Credit Government is to give to the people the results that they demand, the security of the home and social life. Adequate provision for food, clothing and shelter are basic requirements which a Government must recognize and employ all its facilities to provide.

As approved by the Executive Board of the Manitoba Social Credit League, Wednesday, April 5th, 1939.

