



FARMER-LABOR DECLARATION OF POLICY

- (a) The provision of health services free of individual financial liability.
- (b) Wherever feasible, leaving our people a free choice of practitioner.
- (c) Adequate scales of remuneration for those engaged in rendering these essential services to society.

Vote Farmer-Labor and secure the benefits of Socialized Health Services.

The Farmer-Labor Group believes that preparation must be made to meet periods of crop failure. It will institute a scheme to build up adequate reserves against such failures. We believe in the responsibility of the government to provide opportunities for work, adequate maintenance or unemployment insurance.

Ordinarily we would not consider it necessary to draw the attention of the electors to the fact that the Farmer-Labor Group stands for religious freedom; this is so fundamental that we have always regarded it as a part of the inherent right of society and have not considered it necessary to stress the point, taking it for granted that everyone would understand that any social movement is based on social and religious freedom. In view of the fact, however, that certain politicians have endeavored to convey the impression that our movement is condemned by religious leaders, we would quote the following:

(a) In a statement issued by Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster and chief of the Roman Catholic Church in England, he explained that the condemnation of socialism in the Encyclical Quadragesima Anno referred to the socialism which advocated revolution by violent change, and continued, "I do not hesitate to say that Catholics are free to support and become members of the British Socialist Movement whose leaders are for the most part men and women of great moral courage and intellectual ability with religious convictions and with a thorough Christian and spiritual conception of society. In fact, the movement is a bulwark to Christianity itself." ("London Daily Herald", July 1933)

(b) As for the Protestant churches, the Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada made the following pronouncement: "We think the time has come for decisive declaration: There should be no more vague pronouncements that make the church seem timid and over-cautious, and earn for her the derision of outside people. To us it seems that certain things are clear and ought to be said unequivocally.

"First of all, it is our belief that the application of the principles of Jesus to economic conditions would mean the end of the capitalistic system. (By the capitalistic system we mean that order of things under which capital, which is a vital factor in the economic field and represents the part of the economic product used as a means to further production, is owned and administered by individuals and special groups with a view to their own profit. Our contention is that capital, especially in those large scale forms that are essential to the life of the whole people, should be owned and operated instead, not for private gain, but in the service of the general good)."

Recent pronouncements of bishops, synods and assemblies of the Anglican and other churches might also be quoted to similar effect, but we believe the statements outlined above are in line with the general attitude of all great religious organizations towards the Socialist Movement of the New Era.

FOR "HUMANITY FIRST" AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE
VOTE FARMER-LABOR

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TO THE ELECTORS OF SASKATCHEWAN!

YOU will shortly be called upon to elect a new Legislature.

What do you need at this time? First, to retain your home and land for your use, and prevent its confiscation by the financial interests.

The Farmer-Labor Group (C.C.F.) pledges itself to enact, immediately when returned to power, all the legislation necessary to secure to you the use and possession of your home and land. As long as you wish to use it, it will be yours to possess and enjoy. Then you may will it to your next of kin or dispose of your interest in it to someone who will use it.

The Farmer-Labor Group pledges itself to prevent your dispossession by financial corporations. No other group promises this. The Liberal Party makes a political football of your necessity and proposes to "pass the buck" to so-called Debt Adjustment Tribunals that may take years to complete their task and then be inequitable in their decisions. Today your danger of dispossession is mainly due to laws made by Liberal Governments in Saskatchewan, e.g. the Judgment Summons Act and the Crop Payments Act, and both parties have continued the vicious Personal Covenant clause. At the session of the legislature which has just ended, the Liberal and Conservative leaders united to keep the Personal Covenant in Saskatchewan mortgages. A Farmer-Labor Government is pledged to abolish it immediately. The safety of your home depends on the election of a Farmer-Labor Government.

Mr. Gardiner says that "the Liberal Party will preserve the equities of both the creditor and the debtor." (Regina, Jan. 1934) He tries to ride two horses galloping in opposite directions! You know that cannot be done. The Farmer-Labor Group definitely places the interests of humanity before those of the financial interests and the bondholders. Save your home by voting Farmer-Labor!

The Provincial debt exceeds 140 million dollars. This huge sum bears high interest to the money-lenders and was accumulated by Liberal and Conservative Governments. Interest or usury is a pillar of capitalist finance. We are in bondage to the financial system. When Liberal and Conservative speakers tell you that these things cannot be done by a Saskatchewan Government, remember that a Farmer-Labor Government is determined to do them. Now is the time to strike a blow for economic freedom. The Province has the power of moratorium and we propose to use this power to force the financial interests to give our people a measure of justice at this time.

The Farmer-Labor Group will demand from the Federal Government the right that the banks now possess, to deposit Saskatchewan Bonds with the Department of Finance and receive the necessary currency in exchange. We must free our country of the impossible burden of interest and debt. Should the Dominion Government refuse to grant this right, we demand the right to institute our own token system to provide our internal services, such as education, hospitalization, and mothers' allowances. Such tokens have been issued with success in other places. Our social services must be restored and extended. The Farmer-Labor Group is prepared to challenge the power of the money barons. No other group will do so. Vote for economic freedom by supporting the Farmer-Labor Group.

The Provincial and Municipal debts must be consolidated and converted to save millions in interest. It can be done. They did it to some extent in Australia under a Labor Government in 1931. Saskatchewan will do it too if you vote Farmer-Labor.

Unemployment and restricted production are inescapable under capitalism and can only result in further poverty and misery. These problems can be solved by a planned economic life in which the needs of humanity come first. We have lumber, coal, water power, minerals, clays, as well as productive soil in Saskatchewan. We must plan our economic life to give work and purchasing power to all. There are many things that could be undertaken once the domination of the financial dictatorship has been removed—the development of our power, forest and mineral resources; adequate housing schemes; the building of roads and bridges; the extension of telephone facilities, etc. The Farmer-Labor Group will establish a Provincial Planning Board to organize our provincial economic life in the interests of all our people. Give the young a chance to work and live; give the aged comfort in their declining years, and give us all economic justice. Vote Farmer-Labor to organize our life intelligently.

Saskatchewan produces quantities of goods for export. We must demand from the Dominion the right to exchange our commodities for things we need from outside. To secure this we must seek the co-operation of the neighboring provinces whose need is similar.

Strike a blow against the financial and industrial exploiters of Western Canada by voting Farmer-Labor.

The condition of our young people is not only deplorable but tragic. Languishing in camps or in enforced idleness is a group of young men and women who are denied the elementary rights of life by a vicious economic system. Besides these we have the children whose opportunities for education are being restricted through the same economic and financial system.

The Farmer-Labor Group believes that the time has come when the educational system of the Province must be unified under a non-political Commission to ensure equal educational opportunities for all. It therefore proposes to establish a Provincial unit of education to equalize costs, provide adequate facilities and promote efficiency.

In the last several years thousands of schools would have been closed but for the generosity of parents who boarded the teacher and the self-sacrifice of teachers who gave their services almost without remuneration. Under a Provincial unit of administration a proper minimum salary schedule would be established for all schools and payments met out of a central fund. This is just and fair. Further no child should be denied its right to education because the parents cannot pay fees or the people in the district cannot meet their tax levies. On all Boards controlling education and the certification of teachers, teachers should be represented.

The Farmer-Labor Group does not propose to use the schools for propagandist purposes. Vote Farmer-Labor to ensure education for the children.

The Farmer-Labor Group has consistently advocated the socialization of all health services. This is not advanced for election purposes or made contingent upon Dominion participation or contribution. The Farmer-Labor Government will proceed to institute a Provincial health scheme embodying the following principles: