# Prairie Manifesto Project

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The Social Credit Manifesto for Saskatchewan

Social Credit Theme Song

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!

People should demand results: Then stick together until they get what they want.

How long must we be the dues of the Old Line Parties, in alliance with the Money Monopolists?

THINK THIS MATTER OVER!

# The Social Credit Platform

# CAN YOU AGREE WITH THESE?

All genuine Social Crediters require their candidates and their group members to stand loyally and steadfastly for the following principles:

#### 1. The Safeguarding of Democracy.

- (a) Democracy is government in accordance with the objectives or results which the people desire.
- (b) The important unit in society is the individual, not the state; and all social organizations or institutions should exist to serve the individual.
- (c) The primary objectives or results desired by the people generally have been, and still remain—

i. Personal security in contented homes with a sufficiency of purchasing power; and

ii. British freedom to exercise one's individual enterprise, to develop his personality, and to enjoy his particular tastes or tendencies.

Until the people unitedly demand results, they cannot escape economic bondage.

# 2. Finance and Monetary Reform.

- (a) The present problem is one of inefficient distribution of goods through the inadequacy of purchasing power caused by deliberate restriction of credit. The problem of production has been solved.
- (b) No real prosperity can be enjoyed by the people until sufficient money or credit is issued to balance consumption with production.
- (c) The standard of living of every citizen should be raised in keeping with the development of our natural resources in two ways
  - i. The reduction in the cost of living by the use of a Compensating Discount on goods purchased for use or consumption.
  - ii. The increase in purchasing power of the consumers by the issuance of debt-free money in the form of Dividends, Pensions, etc.

Without additional purchasing power, efficient distribution is impossible.

#### 3. The Burdensome Problem of Debt.

- (a) We urge the early cessation of borrowing of debtcreating, interest-bearing money, and the immediate reduction of interest rates and collection charges.
- (b) Debt legislation should be amended to provide security for home owners, and to prevent unwarranted fore-closures.
- (c) The issuance of interest-free and debt-free money or credit will relieve the people of the cumulative burden of their debts, and open the door to economic freedom.

The Money Barons will continue to dominate our province as long as the people fail to demand results.

# 4. The Shackles of Taxation.

- (a) With the principles of Social Credit in operation, taxation will gradually disappear.
- (b) Until we get our rightful control of money and credit, the tax burden must be shifted from individuals to the financial interests.

As long as finance holds the purse strings, it should pay the shot.

# 5. The Problems of Education and of Social Services.

- (a) The schools should at once be made to supply the training that the New Social Order requires.
- (b) We advocate an aggressive and progressive policy for the training and occupational establishment of our young people and adults.
- (c) We maintain that the Federal Government must assume full financial responsibility in regard to crime, unemployment relief, mental hospitalization, old age pensions and the rehabilitation of returned soldiers, but that these should be administered under provincial jurisdiction. We also claim that it should assume its fair share of the financial responsibility for Public Health, Education and Mothers' Allowances.

An eighteenth century system cannot be expected to handle twentieth century problems.

# 6. The Basic Industry—Agriculture.

- (a) The marketing of Agricultural and Dairy Products and Live Stock must be assisted
  - i. By attending to market roads.
  - ii. By pressing for lower and more equitable freight rates.
  - iii. By definitely seeking export markets for exchange of goods.
- (b) The development of the agricultural industry should be encouraged—
  - By the formation of a definite policy regarding drought areas and crop insurance.
  - By an aggressive policy of noxious weed eradication and soil-drifting prevention.
  - By improving the condition of grazing and hay land.
  - iv. By an aggressive pure-bred live stock policy.

Greater Production and better Market Conditions put more purchasing power into the hands of the Consumers.

# 7. The Public Health Problem.

- (a) Improved medical facilities should be provided for the people in all parts of the province.
- (b) We are favorable to the ultimate introduction of State Medicine.

One of the first requisites of a contented people is Good Health.

# 8. The Administration of Justice.

(a) We demand Justice and Equity for all, rich and poor alike.

(b) We advocate the simplification of legal procedure and the reduction of legal costs.

Equal Rights for All-Special Privileges to None.

#### 9. Defence of Freedom.

- (a) We are against War and demand the adoption of every means of War Prevention.
- (b) We insist that in case of defensive warfare or otherwise, Conscription of Wealth shall be exercised before that of individuals.

Human Life is of greater consequence than Material Wealth.

#### 10. GENERAL REORGANIZATION AND PLANNING.

- (a) Reorganization of every Government Department where business inefficiency or waste of the taxpayer's money is to be found.
- (b) A thorough survey of the productive resources of the province should be made to ascertain the relationship of these resources to home consumption requirements as well as export markets.
- (c) The methods of taxation must be brought under immediate consideration for revision and improvement.

With Fearless, Efficient Administration, Progress is Assured.

# HOW CAN YOU HELP? (Many Hands Make Light Work)

- 1. Gather together in your neighborhood all who mean to stand 100% for this program, and who are ready to oppose the Old Line Parties and the Money Monopolists.
- 2. Organize into a group. It takes 15 or more to constitute a group. Elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.
- 3. Invite each member to contribute financial support to the campaign. The Secretary-Treasurer should keep a list of all contributors, and send the contributions, with a copy of the list, to the Zone Supervisor or his representative.
- 4. When the Convention is called, each group should send one representative for every 15 members (or greater part thereof) with full credentials signed by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 5. The Convention should select three or four candidates and also choose four delegates to act as advisors to the Association Executive which will act as a Selection Committee to make the final decision regarding the candidate.
- 6. The Convention should also arrange for scrutineers to assist on Election Day. These must be fully instructed before acting.
- 7. Support the movement by working vigorously for your candidate.