

## Prairie Manifesto Project

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Province: ☐ Alberta ☒ Saskatchewan ☐ Manitoba

Party: PC Election Year: 1960

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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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  
LEG = Legislative Library  
SPC = Special Collections  
ULIB = University Library

# 21 POINTS FOR PROGRESS

**MARTIN PEDERSON**  
announces



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LEADER  
SASKATCHEWAN PROGRESSIVE  
CONSERVATIVE PARTY

## P.C. PROGRAM

*a new deal for Saskatchewan!*

This program is designed to build a mighty Saskatchewan. It consists of Twenty-One points of action to which every one of our candidates is pledged. It will be immediately put into effect when you entrust the Progressive Conservative party with the conduct of your affairs, to revive Saskatchewan's prosperity. Our province has lagged behind the other provinces for 16 long years. The time for a change to a Progressive Conservative government is here.

### AGRICULTURE

There can be no prosperity unless the farm economy is sound and thriving. The present government's policies, and lack of them, has set Saskatchewan back at least a decade. They have no intention of allowing the federal government to help solve our farm problems. They have no effective policies of their own. A P.C. Government will change this situation at once.

1. We will introduce acreage payments to farmers at the rate of \$1.00 an acre to a maximum of 100 specified acres.
2. We will establish crop insurance last years at once as the basis of an overall plan for the province. We will provide half the cost of administration.
3. We will lower interest rates on borrowing by young starting farmers from the present 6 1/2% to 4%. Existing cost of all loans in this class will be reduced to 4%. We will establish a Farm Credit Agency.
4. We will introduce legislation to permit the use of purple gas in farm trucks.—To rehabilitate sub-marginal farms.—To promote farm diversification where desirable.—To give free vocational training to young farmers.—To provide more scholarships and bursaries.—To assist farmers on non-economic units.
5. In co-operation with the federal government we will take steps to increase sales of farm products abroad by appointing grain sales representatives to develop new markets. We will press to include farm workers in the national unemployment insurance program.

### HUMAN SETTLEMENT

The next government must bring Saskatchewan up to its proper level in relation to the rest of Canada. Every person in the province will derive direct benefits.

6. In the first session we will legislate to increase the income of every one receiving old age and blind pensions from the national government. Supplementary old age assistance, mothers' disability and other allowances.
7. We will supplement the Federal Old Age Pension with an immediate additional \$10 per month.
8. We will raise the minimum level of supplementary old age, mothers' and disability allowances from the present \$2.50 to \$10 and the others accordingly.
9. We believe that every citizen is entitled to adequate medical aid in all circumstances, regardless of ability to pay. We will establish an impartial commission to fully study our medical needs under instructions to recommend legislation to achieve this objective.
10. We will restore at once the principle of free medical aid to all those in receipt of unemployment aid and old age, blind, mothers' and disability

14. We will be responsible for those portions of provincial highways which are within the limits of all towns and villages, thus further lessening the burden of local taxes.

15. We will enact new legislation to promote municipal development by providing for capital loans to new industries whose location will best serve the development of Saskatchewan's municipalities.

### LABOUR

We believe in the dignity of labour, be it employee or employer. We reject organized political class warfare as we believe that every political party should be a cross section of the community. We will support all advanced legislation for labour as for all citizens including a progressive rise in standards of living and income, compulsory holidays with pay, reasonable work hours, the right to organize effectively, the equality of men and women workers at all levels of employment.

16. Present Conciliation facilities for labour-management disputes are inadequate. We will consult with all concerned and introduce new and effective legislation to achieve the necessary improvements.

17. We will establish a right of appeal without cost from all decisions of Workmen's Compensation Board to ensure equality of treatment for all cases before the Board.

### DEVELOPMENT

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18. The election of a Progressive Conservative government in Saskatchewan is the first and vital step in the development of our provincial economy amounting to all that Saskatchewan is once again in step with Canada's economic progress.

19. We will give Saskatchewan leadership rather than suppressing all those who want to share in our provincial development. We will encourage public enterprises in all essential public services. We will encourage private enterprises to share in the benefits of dynamic development.

20. We will stop expropriation of property by Crown Corporations without the right of appeal, the intrusion of government in the road-building business and other actions which have forced capital and enterprise out of the province. We will give Saskatchewan a non-political and impartial civil service dedicated to the public and not to party interests.

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9. We will give statutory recognition to hospital capital interest rates as an operating cost to be borne by the provincial treasury, as is done in other provinces.

### EDUCATION

Our objective is equality of educational opportunities regardless of place of residence.

10. We will assume at least 50% of the operational cost of the entire school system and reduce the inequality of the burden on local taxpayers.
11. We will increase opportunities for higher education by extending the Regina campus, providing additional facilities in other parts of the province, and by an expanded system of scholarships and bursaries.

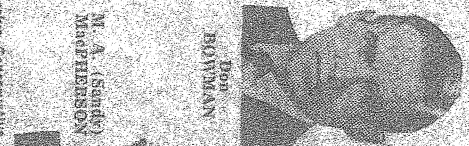
### MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

We believe that the government must be close to the people. We will diminish centralization of power and restore local autonomy wherever it is best fitted to deal with local problems. For that reason we will also increase the level of provincial financial assistance to the municipalities.

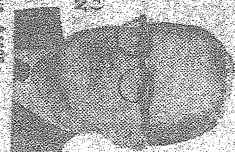
12. We will lower the annual level of local real estate taxation by an initial outright grant to rural municipalities of approximately \$5 million to be rebated directly to farmers on the basis of their holdings and the present taxes thereon.
13. We will assume the full capital cost of building grid roads.

—Authorized by Saskatchewan

Progressive Conservative Aides



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BOWMAN



M. A. (SAMMY)  
MACPHERSON

## WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO

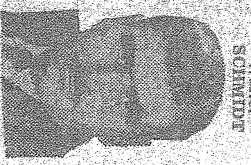
### IMPLEMENT PEDERSON'S "21 POINTS

FOR  
"PROGRESS"



DR. JOHN  
LAISHMAN

VOTE FOR  
FOUR  
IN REGINA



WALTER  
SCHMITZ

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21. We will embark on a dynamic program to increase farm, business and industrial income by developing new markets, attracting tourist and other dollars from abroad, and increasing the ability of active industries to supply our own markets and enter new markets beyond the provincial borders.

I pledge this program to you being fully and humbly conscious of the heavy responsibilities that are involved.