

## Prairie Manifesto Project

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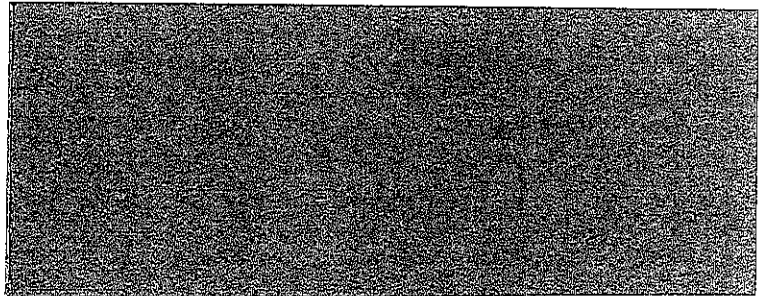
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The Saskatchewan Liberal Party dedicates itself to the task of revitalizing the economy of Saskatchewan.

A new Liberal government will enact the following measures to get Saskatchewan moving.

## **To Develop Our Industries and Create Jobs**

A new Liberal government will turn its energies to the creation of 20,000 new jobs in manufacturing in its first four years in office. It has also developed a program to create 60,000 additional jobs in other fields.

It plans to accomplish this by providing tax concessions to new industries or mines moving into Saskatchewan, giving incentive that does not now exist.

It will reduce hydro power and natural gas rates to levels comparable to other provinces.

In co-operation with the municipalities, it will provide land at cost to new industries, and provide sewers and water on a local improvement basis.

It will make long-term loans available to new and expanding industries.

It will work to decentralize industry by providing technical and financial aid to those wishing to expand or establish industries in smaller urban centres.

## **To Lighten Our Tax Load**

A new Liberal government will first set up an independent body to uncover the inefficiencies in the operation of the Saskatchewan government and its agencies, and to recommend ways of saving valuable tax monies now being wasted.

It will immediately cut the 5 per cent sales tax to 4 per cent, with a further objective of reducing it to 3 per cent.

It will give to each newly wed couple an exemption from the entire sales tax on the first \$1,000 they spend on household goods.

It will lengthen the list of goods now exempt from the sales tax to include such essentials as children's clothing and shoes.

It will permit farmers to use tax-free (purple) gasoline in their farm trucks.

It will initiate a study to find ways of reducing land and property taxes.

It will establish means of reducing personal income taxes to a level comparable to those paid by Canadians in other provinces.

## **To Increase Farm Income**

A new Liberal government will immediately enact short and long-term measures to give Saskatchewan farmers a fairer share of the income in a new, re-invigorated economy.

It will immediately revise the present legislation on farm credit to give a square deal to young people wishing to start farming, and to small farmers wishing to enlarge and improve their farm operations.

It will make loans to these people at a low rate of interest, covering 80 per cent of the farm's value, with 30 years to repay. At the present time, Saskatchewan farmers are forced to pay the highest interest rates of farmers anywhere in Canada.

It will remove grazing leases from the political arena by establishing an independent board to allocate all such leases on crown lands.

In order to establish more economic farm units it will release for sale Saskatchewan Crown land now under cultivation leases. Claims of present lease holders will be given first consideration.

It will greatly reduce taxes on farm lands and property. These taxes have been increased four-fold in the past 20 years. It will remove the mineral tax from farms where no minerals are being produced, and establish a formula to reduce the unfair burden of taxation farmers now pay.

It will increase the province's reserves of fodder and feed by promoting and assisting stockpiling in good years to meet emergencies in drought years. It will also encourage higher production of feed grain and forage crops.

It will halt the flow of farmers from the land by expanding irrigation and water conservation projects. It will also work to aid in diversifying our farming, by promoting expansion of the livestock industry — especially cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry. It will also conduct intensive research into the feasibility of establishing community pastures for sheep production.

It will also work for the expansion of activities of 4-H Clubs to promote interest among young people in agricultural developments.

## **To Relieve Hardship and Suffering**

A new Liberal government will review our entire program of social welfare services with two goals in mind: firstly, to ensure that need-less hardship and suffering is ended in a province as potentially productive as Saskatchewan; secondly, to assist individuals to become self-supporting, useful members of society.

It will work to improve and expand the Medical Health Insurance program.

It will institute a Drug Insurance program to care for major drug costs.

It will increase the grants to religious and community organizations for capital costs of homes for the aged and infirm and homes for the mentally retarded.

## **To Modernize Our Highway System**

A new Liberal government will overhaul and quickly step up Saskatchewan's road building program throughout the entire province. In a province where transportation is of key importance, we can no longer afford to smugly view the progress we have made, with no thought to the need that still exists for a vastly improved highway network in all parts of the province. A new Liberal government will therefore take immediate steps to remedy this.

It will invest a minimum of \$175 millions on a much-needed highway and road program during its first four years in office.

It will begin immediate paving of at least three additional highway entrances linking the American border to the main highway system, to encourage a step-up in tourist traffic.

With the assistance and advice of municipal officials, a Liberal government will re-classify the grid road system placing those roads now bearing a high percentage of provincial traffic, as compared to local traffic, in the highway system of the province.

It will accept the responsibility for paying 50 per cent of the cost of paving main streets in towns and villages.

It will immediately negotiate with the Federal government the construction of a second Trans-Canada Highway.

It will establish a more generous program of grants to local governments to cover costs of road construction, maintenance, re-surfacing and snow clearance of local roads.

## **To Give New Life to Municipalities**

A new Liberal government will immediately rectify the present situation which not only threatens the existence of many municipalities, but has also left them unfairly burdened with a massive tax load.

It will, for example, establish a branch of government to provide financial help and training to people interested in setting up or expanding small businesses or industries in smaller urban centres.

It will give more generous financial aid for education, roads and other municipal services.

It is determined to bring new life to many towns and villages by giving them a fairer share of government agencies and buildings.

It will make no change in the form of local governments without approval by vote of the ratepayers concerned.

## **To Meet the Challenge In Education**

A new Liberal government will concern itself with the need to provide an education more suited to the needs of the society in which we live. This objective, plus the need for reform in the financing of education, will be given top priority by a new Liberal government.

It will increase school grants.

It will provide more scholarships for deserving students in university and advanced technical courses.

It will make available authorized textbooks to all students from grade I to grade XII.

It will work to revise school curricula so that our system of education will be more suited to meet modern problems.

It will provide approved private high schools with financial assistance.

It will, finally, increase pension payments to those civil servants and teachers who retired before the most recent increase was made in superannuation payments.

## **To Develop Our North**

The new Liberal government will institute vigorous policies to bring into production the great wealth in mineral and forest resources in Northern Saskatchewan.

It will institute a policy where co-operative enterprise, private business and investment and government agencies will be given fair and equal treatment.

It will institute programs where social and economic development will complement each other by improving living conditions and employment opportunities for our northern residents.

It will create access roads and other transportation facilities.

It will provide financial assistance to companies prepared to make investment in exploration and production.

## **The Liberal Candidate In Your Constituency**

These are some of the measures a new Liberal government will take in its first term of office. They are measures derived from the need for a new deal for Saskatchewan.

Every Liberal candidate in Saskatchewan is dedicated to the principle that the people of Saskatchewan deserve better than a doubtful future. They know that the quarter-million people who have left Saskatchewan in the past 20 years under the present government, did so because opportunities did not exist for them. This, the Liberal Party is convinced, must not happen today when we once again are on the brink of a new boom in Canada.

The Liberal candidates in Saskatchewan deserve your support because you deserve a fairer share of the riches of Canada.

