

# 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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AB = Alberta  
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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

# Forward Manitoba!

## CCF Program



The people of Manitoba have before them the choice of going forward to a better life with a CCF government in step with people's movements all over the world, or of going back under the Coalition to the old do-nothing policies which have led humanity into economic chaos and the insanity of war.

In our neighboring Province of Saskatchewan, the CCF Government has accomplished more for the people in one short year than has any other provincial government in twenty years. Australia and New Zealand, which have had labor governments for some years, have now been joined by Great Britain, where the Labor Party recently won a sweeping victory. Everywhere in the world the common people are seeking to build a better society on the same humanitarian principles which guide the CCF.

While the Saskatchewan CCF Government has developed plans and taken action for the people's welfare, the Coalition Government of Manitoba has given us reports — reports which are nothing but political window dressing.

Premier Garson is again using the alibi — that nothing can be done for Manitoba until the financial arrangements between the Dominion and the

Provinces have been readjusted. New financial agreements are indeed necessary and the CCF will seek to obtain them with all possible vigor and confidence. But that is no excuse for neglecting in the meantime the things which come under provincial jurisdiction. The present critical situation calls for courageous and constructive action, not for agile political footwork.

After six years of suffering and blood, the war was finally won. For that great victory we pay tribute to those who fought the enemy abroad and to those who produced the tools and the food at home.

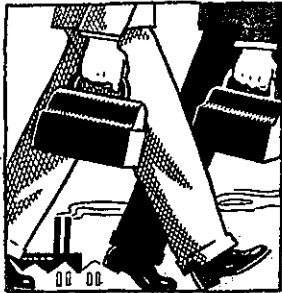
But gratitude alone will not repay their sacrifice and effort. Gratitude must be turned into action— action to build freedom and security on a firm foundation.

The development of modern science and the wealth of our resources makes this possible. The only obstacle in our way is the conspiracy of monopoly profit seekers whose bank rolls grow fat on scarcity and unemployment.

The CCF calls upon the people of Manitoba to fight these selfish interests and to vote and work for the following People's Program:

## 1. Development of Industry and Natural Resources

Full use of our natural resources for the welfare of the people, and a decisive halt to waste and destruction.



Development of economic and useful secondary industries under public ownership, to balance the economy of the Province and produce new wealth.

Acquisition by the Province of Government-owned war plants within Manitoba and their conversion to peace-time production.

Public ownership of power resources to facilitate rural electrification and the use of power as a public utility.

A comprehensive program of soil, water, fish and forest conservation, in co-operation with the Dominion and the municipalities.

## 2. Security For the Farmer

Legislation, as in Saskatchewan, to give the farmer security on his farm: protection for his equity in land and equipment; prevention of foreclosure on and eviction from the farm home; protection against seizure of that portion of the farmer's crop which he needs to provide for his family.



A Mediation Board to adjust farm debt and a crop failure clause in mortgages and agreements for sale.

A Provincial Marketing Board to handle commodities produced for local consumption, to deal with similar agencies in other provinces and at Ottawa and to work in close co-operation with existing co-operative marketing organizations.

Rural electrification pushed energetically until every farm has the benefits of electricity and electric power.

A modern and adequate provincial veterinary service and assistance in the control of noxious weeds.

Wide extension of experimental farms and other means of agricultural research, with particular reference to industrial uses for agricultural products.

Development of co-operative and other agencies to lower the cost of farm machinery.

A comprehensive road construction and drainage program, with special emphasis on improving the outlying and "side" roads which provide farmers with their only means of transportation. Extensive gravelling and hard-surfacing of main roads and highways to bring them up to a decent standard.

Insistence that the Federal Government maintain guaranteed minimum prices, introduce a comprehensive system of crop insurance, establish a Board of Livestock Commissioners and abolish the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

## 3. Development of Co-operatives

A Department of Co-operatives to assist and co-ordinate the development of producer and consumer co-operatives in the Province.

Full support to Co-operative Implements Ltd. and similar efforts by the people to save themselves from the strangle-hold of private monopoly.



## 4. Security For the Worker

A full-time Minister of Labor who has an intimate knowledge of labor's problems and a sympathetic understanding of the needs of Manitoba workers.



A Labor Code, as in Saskatchewan, which will guarantee labor's right to organize and bargain collectively, outlaw company unions, establish the right to the "check-off" and "union security", and prohibit intimidation and racial, religious or other discrimination against employees.

Equal pay for equal work, regardless of sex.

Extension of the Workmen's Compensation Act to cover all industrial disabilities, the amount of compensation to be calculated on the basis of 100% of normal earnings, and the abolition of waiting periods and red tape delays.

A progressive increase in the minimum wage to ensure a decent standard of living for every worker and a reduction in hours of work to spread the benefits of technological advance, without loss of income.

A minimum of two weeks' annual vacation with pay, and improvement of industrial health measures and working conditions.

## 5. Homes in City and Country

Pressure for a large-scale Dominion public housing program in town and country, and energetic action by the



Province itself to provide homes for our fighting heroes and for all our people, to eliminate slums, to plan and beautify our communities and to bring the comforts and amenities of modern life into every farm

home as well as into every city home.

The development of Manitoba's forestry and other resources under public auspices to provide housing materials at lower cost.

Encouragement of and assistance to co-operative housing schemes.

Legislation to protect urban home owners against loss of their homes through illness, unemployment or other causes beyond their control.

## 6. Generous Social Security

Increased old age pensions; elimination of the means test, liens against property and other unjustifiable restrictions, which reduce the pensioner to the position of a pauper.

Extension of mothers' allowances to include widows without children and those with only one child.

Disability benefits for all physically handicapped persons, child protection, and maternity benefits.



## 7. Equal Educational Opportunities

Immediate increase of the minimum salary for teachers to \$1,200 per year.

Development of more efficient school units to give farm children the same educational opportunities as the best to be found in urban communities, and the construction of modern schools to this end.

Free text-books and supplies in both elementary and high schools, and a modern curriculum to prepare students for their occupation in later life.

Free regular medical and dental examinations for all children to prevent avoidable disease and to build healthy citizens.

Increase of the provincial grant to the University of Manitoba so as to bring every department up to the highest standard.

An extensive program of adult education and a system of scholarships to bring higher education within the reach of all who have the necessary ability and desire to learn.

## 8. Health For All

Immediate free medical, dental and hospital care, drugs, appliances and nursing services for all Old Age Pensioners, Blind Pensioners, those on Mothers' Allowances and their dependents.

Establishment of provincial cancer and tuberculosis clinics and free diagnostic service, treatment and hospitalization for all who need it.

Free treatment and maintenance for all patients of mental institutions.

Complete free maternity care.

Construction, in co-operation with, and by assistance to the municipalities, of additional hospital facilities, and provision for the training of nurses.

Enlargement of the Manitoba Medical College and establishment of a Dental College, to meet the urgent need for more doctors and dentists. To the same end, scholarships will be provided to worthy students.

The establishment of regional health units to look after public health measures necessary to the prevention of disease and to co-ordinate all health services in the region.

A program of health and nutritional education and of physical fitness and recreation.

All these measures, most of which the CCF Government has already introduced in Saskatchewan, will be steps toward the final objective of a comprehensive program of health services for Manitoba designed not only to cure illness, irrespective of the income of the patient, but concerned also with the prevention of disease and the building of positive health.

## 9. Racial and Religious Equality

Manitoba has one of the most cosmopolitan populations in Canada. Our province can set an example to the rest of the Dominion by building tolerance and understanding. Racial and religious discrimination has no place in a democratic community.

The CCF will strain every effort to promote the unity of our people and to eliminate discrimination, through citizenship education as well as through democratic laws and their enforcement.

Freedom of speech, of organization, and of worship for all will be protected by every legal and constitutional means.

## 10. Justice to All Provinces



The Manitoba CCF stands shoulder to shoulder with the Saskatchewan CCF Government and with the CCF movement throughout Canada for a revision of fiscal arrangements and of responsibilities between the Dominion and the provinces.

The wealth of Canada is created by all of its citizens and must be shared equitably among all provinces. Manitoba is entitled to the financial means she requires to build an adequate standard of social security for her people.

THIS TIME . . . **SECURITY**

THIS TIME . . . **JOBS for ALL**

### The People's Choice



The CCF program for Manitoba is bold, just and practical. It meets the needs of all our people. With it we can and will build a more prosperous and happier province than we have ever known.

The contest in this election is between the CCF and the Coalition. Splinter groups and splinter candidates are not in the picture. The CCF, therefore, appeals to the voters of Manitoba to support its People's Program and defeat the timid and conservative Coalition.

**On October 15, Vote**

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