

## Prairie Manifesto Project

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Party: CCF Election Year: 1958

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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UofA = University of Alberta  
UofC = University of Calgary  
UofR = University of Regina  
UofS = University of Saskatchewan  
UofM = University of Manitoba  
BU = Brandon University

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ULIB = University Library

### Health and Social Welfare

Believing that health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, a CCF government will:

1. **Establish a provincial hospital services plan**—with broad coverage for everyone—and press for a comprehensive national scheme of health insurance.
2. **Provide free treatment** for those suffering from cancer, tuberculosis and polio—and mental diseases requiring institutional care.
3. **Provide supplementary allowances** for those old age, blind, and disability pensioners who have no other source of income.
4. **Provide medical, hospital, dental and optical care**—for old age and blind pensioners in need—and to the recipients of mothers' allowances and disability allowances.
5. **Sponsor a program of rehabilitation**—properly planned and under the direction of trained personnel—for handicapped and retarded persons.
6. **Encourage and assist public housing projects**—with priority for the needs of the aged and infirm.
7. **Increase mothers' allowances**—and broaden their scope to include other groups of mothers and children in need.
8. **Inaugurate a program of prison reform**—including a division of corrections—special treatment for young offenders—and a system of probation for the purpose of rehabilitating prisoners and reducing prison population.

### Finance and Insurance

1. **Government Automobile Insurance** will be established—including accident benefits—on a non-profit basis.
2. **Assistance to municipalities** will be provided in guaranteeing funds for municipal public works such as public water supply, sewage disposal and community planning.
3. **Greater revenue** will be secured from our mineral, oil and forest resources—and from the liquor industry.
4. **Improved federal-provincial relations** will be sought by a CCF government — with a view to having the federal government assume greater financial responsibility in such matters as education, health and welfare services, road construction and flood control.

### Extension of Democracy

1. **A Bill of Rights** will be enacted to guarantee the basic civil rights of freedom of speech, religion, assembly and association.
2. **The Fair Employment Practices Act** will be strengthened—to provide greater security in employment regardless of race, creed, or sex.
3. **The age for voting will be lowered to eighteen years.**
4. **Debates of the Legislature** will be published in a provincial Hansard—and provision will be made for regular broadcasting of legislative proceedings.

**FOR PROGRESS AND SECURITY VOTE CCF!**

# CCF PROGRAM

*for Manitoba*



LLOYD STINSON, MLA,  
CCF Provincial Leader

This comprehensive Platform for Manitoba's Progress and Welfare was adopted by a meeting of the CCF Provincial Council on January 28, and was first made public in the Manitoba Provincial Legislature on February 3, 1956, by Lloyd Stinson, Manitoba CCF leader.

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## ▶ THE CCF PROVINCIAL PLATFORM

### Program for Manitoba's Progress

The purpose of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation is to assure to every person, by democratic means, a fair share of the wealth produced, together with the greatest measure of individual freedom.

#### Economic Development

To assure the most efficient development, conservation and protection of Manitoba's natural wealth, a CCF government will:

1. **Undertake a scientific survey of our natural resources**, their potentialities and proper utilization.
2. **Promote an industrial expansion program**—including an Industrial Development Fund—to assist public and co-operative enterprises, as well as small private industry.
3. **Establish a Department of Northern Affairs.**
4. **Develop Hydro-Electric power in Northern Manitoba**—for the purpose of facilitating mining and new industry, together with such road-building and exploration programs as are required to promote such development.
5. **Inaugurate flood control measures**—for the protection of both rural and urban areas.
6. **Promote an extensive good roads program**—to provide modern highways and market roads throughout the province.
7. **Establish a Department of Co-operatives**—to assist the development of both producer and consumer co-operative enterprises.
8. **Assist the fishermen of Manitoba** in establishing the fishing industry on a co-operative basis.
9. **Promote full employment** and take steps to combat seasonal layoffs.

#### Agriculture

Recognizing agriculture as Manitoba's basic industry, a CCF government will:

1. **Enact farm security legislation** — to protect farmers from unfair seizures, foreclosures and eviction.
2. **Amend the Farm Implements Act**—to provide protection against any unfair practices or misrepresentations by implement companies.
3. **Establish Producer Marketing Boards**—subject to the approval of the producers.
4. **Make a complete investigation** of the prices and distribution of tractor fuels—and take steps to prevent excessive prices and profiteering.

5. **Support the principle of parity prices**—at the federal level—for all agricultural products.
6. **Press for a comprehensive scheme of national crop insurance.**
7. **Urge cash payments on grain which cannot be delivered**—through permanent federal legislation.

#### Labor

In the conviction that the best interests of agriculture, industry and labor are inseparably linked together, a CCF government will:

1. **Appoint a full-time Minister of Labor.**
2. **Establish a Bureau of Industrial Relations**—within the Department of Labor to promote co-operation between labor and management.
3. **Amend the Labor Relations Act**—to remove all inequitable restrictions imposed upon labor.
4. **Amend the Vacations-with-Pay Act**—to provide for a minimum of two weeks with pay after one year of employment.
5. **Increase minimum Wage Rates progressively** — and reduce hours of work—as the development of our economy permits.
6. **Promote Industrial Hygiene and Accident Prevention**—to help provide healthier and safer working conditions.
7. **Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act**—to provide compensation for every day's pay lost as a result of injury on the basis of 75% of earnings—permanent disability pensions will be brought up to current levels—and payments to widows and children increased.

#### Education

Keynote of CCF policy in education is the assurance of equal educational opportunity to every individual in the community. To arrest the declining standard of education in Manitoba, which has reached the point of crisis, a CCF government will:

1. **Assume a larger share of the costs of education**—including grants for the construction of schools—and greater financial support for the University of Manitoba and its affiliated colleges.
2. **Encourage the establishment of larger units of school administration.**
3. **Assure adequate salary schedules** and higher qualifications for teachers—and better living accommodation for those teaching in rural areas.
4. **Provide financial assistance to students**—including teachers and nurses—who desire additional training.
5. **Give handicapped children adequate educational facilities.**
6. **Establish a Provincial Program of physical fitness and recreation.**