

Prairie Manifesto Project

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Party: PC Election Year: 1959

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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SK = Saskatchewan
MB = Manitoba

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UofR = University of Regina
UofS = University of Saskatchewan
BU = Brandon University

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Hon. DUFF ROBLIN
Premier of Manitoba

"We believe the achievements of the Special Session just six months ago—which your endorsement and support made possible—represent the kind of progressive and positive action that Manitobans want from their provincial government.

"We ask that you give your support to our new program—the measures which were delayed with the defeat of the government by both Opposition Parties in the spring session this year.

"We believe our program reflects the progressive spirit of the people of Manitoba. We ask for your consideration and support of these measures and your support of your Progressive Conservative Candidate on May 14th.

"Given a majority, you have our pledge that these further measures shall be put into effect. We stand ready and willing to get on with the business of Manitoba."

Sincerely yours,

For a working majority ~~White~~

RE-ELECT ~~Roblin~~
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HARRISON

ROCK LAKE

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Authorized by the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba

**"Let us get on with the
business of Manitoba!"**

RE-ELECT
THE **Roblin**
Government



In ROCK LAKE

Vote

A. W.

HARRISON

Thursday, MAY 14

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE

The Program of the Roblin Government

A Sound, Progressive Program To Make The Most of Manitoba's Human and Economic Resources!

Forward-looking legislation and constructive policies are a trade-mark of the dynamic, vigorous Roblin Government. Most of the Roblin Government's program was in bill form, ready to be passed by the legislature, when the opposition groups turned the government out.

This progressive program is endorsed by EVERY Conservative Candidate it will be enacted into law as soon as the Roblin Government is given a WORKING majority in the Manitoba Legislature.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

"This government believes it has a responsibility to those in need; we believe that we are our brother's keeper. We intend to discharge that responsibility to the best of our means and abilities."

Premier Duff Roblin

Social Allowances:

"An act to ensure that no resident of Manitoba lacks essential food, clothing and shelter or medical, dental or optical care." These additional cash allowances are available for old age pensioners, to those who are sick, the mentally ill, to widows with children, deserted mothers, neglected children. The legislation applies as well to Manitoba's Indian population. This progressive legislation is the first in Canada; the cost is shared by the federal government and represents appreciable savings to municipal taxpayers.

Elderly Persons Housing:

There are as many as 10,000 aged persons in Manitoba who are inadequately housed; many lack the means to help themselves.

This legislation will nearly double existing grants and widen the scope for providing housing for elderly persons over 65 (with exceptions permitted for some 60-65); money will be made available to build new or improve existing accommodation; improve furnishings and fixtures, provide inspection of facilities to maintain provincial standards. This act provides new opportunities for the care of elder citizens in rural as well as urban communities.

Workmen's Compensation:

Vital reforms were delayed when the CCF and Liberal opposition defeated the government.

The Roblin Government proposed to the last legislature that pensions paid to widows, orphans and dependents under the Workmen's Compensation Act be increased by \$10 a month. Broader interpretation will be given to the Act; a Medical Appeal Board will be established; the range of employees covered in the Act will be widened to include clerical workers, employees of wholesale and retail establishments, nursing homes, hospitals, hotels and restaurants.

Vacations With Pay:

Further improvements to extend the coverage of this basic legislation was still another progressive measure rejected by the opposition when it defeated the Roblin Government.

ECONOMIC RESOURCES:

"We are prepared to invest in the new Manitoba so that, in partnership with the people of this Province, we can make the best of our resources and most of our opportunities."

Premier Duff Roblin

Flood Control:

After years of delay and inaction by the former government, the Roblin Government is prepared to act now to protect the people of Manitoba from the threat of flood on the Red River, the Assiniboine and Lake Manitoba. The Flood Commission estimates that the annual cost of flooding is \$11,000,000 based on present property values. The cost of full protection is \$4,000,000 a year. This means Manitobans can hardly afford NOT to protect themselves against this grave peril to lives and property.

Highways Expansion:

The Roblin Government has provided \$33,000,000 for highways and highway services since it came into office. This sum represents a planned program to give Manitobans a modern highways system consistent with 20th century needs. It is an investment in Manitoba's progress! This program will increase provincial assistance

to municipalities, increase secondary highway grants for construction and maintenance to 75%, increase grants for bridge construction and main market roads; increase grants to towns and villages for street improvements, access roads, snow removal and maintenance.

Agriculture and Conservation:

To be of greater service to Manitoba farmers, the Roblin Government has reorganized the Department of Agriculture and increased its budget by fifty percent. It has introduced a farm credit program; it is fully prepared to introduce a crop insurance program; its new policies on education, highways and social welfare represent a determined attempt to check the rise in municipal taxes on farm property. The Roblin Government has established new and improved policies on drainage and water control; a five year farm research program; bursaries for training in agriculture for farm young people; improved agricultural extension and farm management clubs.

Northern Development:

A new program to co-ordinate and accelerate the development of power, transportation, minerals and forest wealth in Manitoba's great north country.

This, in summary, is the program of the Roblin Government. In the new Manitoba of today, with its growing, expanding economy, this progressive program is well within the means and competence of sound and business-like government.

The Record of the Roblin Government

TEN SHORT MONTHS IN OFFICE—A SPECIAL SESSION
AND ACTION ON VITAL MANITOBA PROBLEMS!

Some of the most progressive legislation in Manitoba's history was passed at the Special Session, called by the new Roblin Government in 1958.

EDUCATION:

A new program to provide equal educational opportunities for every child in Manitoba; free text books for every school child to Grade 12; \$6,000,000 MORE appropriated by the new Roblin Government for education — an effort to equalize education costs in the province, to lighten the load of the municipal taxpayer, to improve teaching standards on a province-wide basis.

FARM CREDIT:

In the special session, the Roblin Government introduced a new Farm Credit policy, designed primarily to encourage young farmers to stay on the land. This program is already in operation, first loans will be made available THIS SPRING!

HIGHWAYS:

The Special Session appropriated \$33,000,000 for highways in Manitoba — an unprecedented figure which, in Duff Roblin's words, "would give our people 20th century roads . . . a highways system that the people of this province require and deserve."

Because of sound planning by the new Government, road construction got off to the earliest start in history this year in Manitoba — millions of dollars of contracts have been let, creating work and wages in Manitoba; the balance of the record road budget has all been committed according to plan.

Everyone benefits from this INVESTMENT in the new Manitoba!

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:

The Roblin Government established the Manitoba Industrial Development Fund. This fund is available to all Manitobans to assist small business and enterprise in expanding or creating opportunity and jobs. It puts the credit of this province at the disposal of the people of this province so that we can make the best of our opportunities . . . and make the most of our human and natural resources.

The government estimates that one million dollars will be loaned this year to spark industrial development in our province.

THE RECORD OF THE ROBLIN GOVERNMENT:

ACTION, PERFORMANCE, PROGRESS

IN BUILDING A GREATER MANITOBA!

"Let us get on with the business of Manitoba"