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Social Credit
League

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THE PLATFORM

ACCEPTED BY THE
Social Credit Supporters
of Alberta



OUR THEME SONG

(To be sung at the opening of all meetings.)

O God; our help in ages past;
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy Saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thy arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

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“In Unity There Is Strength”

Let Us End Poverty In The
Midst Of Plenty.

TEN PLANKS MAKE ONE PLATFORM

1. FINANCE AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS.

- (a) The Cessation of Borrowing from Outside Sources and the creation of our own Credit, thus gradually eliminating heavy interest charges and retaining our own purchasing power.
- (b) The Distribution of Purchasing Power to bona fide citizens by means of Basic Dividends sufficient to secure the bare necessities of food, clothing and shelter.

This distribution is to be based upon active willingness on the part of the individuals to co-operate in the welfare of the people of the Province.

- (c) The Establishment of a Just Price on all goods and services, and the regulation of the price spread on all goods sold or transferred within the bounds of the Province.

This Just Price is to be just and fair:

- 1. To the producers and to the distributors. They should not be required to sell goods for less than the cost of production or of import.

- 2. To the consumers.

They should not be exploited or unduly deprived of fair returns for their purchasing power.

- (d) The Establishment of an authority to deal with production loans.

2. THE PRESENT PROBLEM OF DEBT.

- (a) Private, or Mortgage and Tax Indebtedness.

- 1. The Distribution of Basic Dividends and the Establishment of a Just Price will at once begin to give our citizens the ability to cope with the Mortgage Indebtedness at present against their farms and their homes.
- 2. The Increase in Consumption will of necessity make a greater demand for services and that will produce wages to help settle these debts.
- 3. The Debt Adjustment Act will be amended to prevent hasty foreclosures on all property and adequately to meet the requirements of all classes of debtors.
- 4. Later, as prosperity returns under Social Credit, Interest-Free Loans may be granted to liquidate or refund the present interest-bearing mortgages.

- (b) The Municipal and the Provincial Debts.

- 1. Bonds could be offered to our citizens to liquidate this indebtedness at a lower rate of interest.
- 2. This would decrease the amount of taxes levied in proportion to the success of this proposition.

3. THE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

- (a) Social Credit at once removes the demoralizing effect of Unemployment by the issuance of Monthly Dividends based on the Cultural Heritage of Citizenship.
- (b) The Increase in Consumption would of necessity result in increased employment.
- (c) The Issuance of Basic Dividends would retain our young people longer in schools of training and thus prevent them from entering the Labor Market.

The increase in Dividends for people who have reached the age of 50 would tend to remove older men from productive employment. Thus, there would be more employment for those who were better able to perform it.

- (d) Every sympathetic consideration will be extended to those in immediate need.

4. THE PROBLEM OF EDUCATION.

(An Eighteenth Century System can never handle a Twentieth Century Problem).

- (a) Our schools should at once be made to supply the training that the New Social Order demands.

Up to the present the University requirements for an Academic preparation has predominated our Educational System. Only a small percentage of our students ever enter University.

- (b) Further attempts should be made to bring the various Provincial Educational Systems into greater harmony.
- (c) The Basic Monthly Dividends will at once remove the hindrances to any student proceeding along any line of instruction that appeals to him.

5. THE BASIC INDUSTRY — AGRICULTURE.

- (a) The Just Price for all products will remove the necessity of selling under the cost of production.
- (b) The Marketing of Agricultural and Dairy products must be assisted:
 - 1. By taking definite steps to find export markets.
 - 2. By pressing for lower and more equitable freight rates.
 - 3. By seeking a revision of the system of grading farm products.
 - 4. By attending regularly to the Market Roads.
 - 5. By encouraging the feeding, breeding, and finishing of better livestock in Alberta.
- (c) The Development of the Industry should be encouraged in the following ways:
 - 1. By a careful investigation of the irrigation projects of the Province.
 - 2. By an aggressive policy of Noxious Weeds eradication.

3. By a survey and the formation of a definite policy regarding the Drought Area of Alberta.
4. By improving the regulations regarding grazing and hay leases.
5. By amending the Homestead Laws to make it possible for settlers to establish homes for themselves.
6. We are heartily in favor of assisting in the continuance of Rural School Fairs, and Boys' and Girls' Club Work within the Province.

6. THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM.

- (a) Definite action should immediately be taken to provide satisfactory health attention for the people in all parts of the Province, and any patient of a hospital should be permitted to secure any type of qualified, licensed practitioner he or she may desire.
- (b) We are favorable to the ultimate introduction of State Medicine into the Province.

7. THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (a) We favor the revision of the rules of court procedure, the reduction of costs, and the introduction of facilities for arbitration and conciliation.
- (b) We shall support the maintenance of Order and Law by means of an efficient Police Force.

8. LABOR, INDUSTRY AND COMMUNICATION.

- (a) We shall encourage the establishment of essential industries within our Province.
- (b) We favor a complete reorganization of the Alberta Government Telephone System for the purpose of making it efficient.
- (c) We will support and encourage an efficient inspection of all industries to see that all laws for the health, safety and payment of all labor and industry are safely guarded.
- (d) We favor the amendment of the present Compensation Act with a view to providing just compensation to all workers.

9. GENERAL REORGANIZATION.

- (a) Every Department of the Government needs to be reorganized and to be put on a business basis to eliminate the present enormous waste of taxpayers' money.

10. PLANNING.

- (a) A thorough survey of Alberta's productive resources and the relationship of these resources to domestic consumption requirements and export markets must be at once undertaken.
- (b) The methods of taxation must be brought under immediate consideration for revision and improvement.
- (c) The Social Credit Government when in power will pass legislation to the effect that candidates submit to the voters right of recall if they fail to carry out the proposals made prior to election.

TO THE ELECTORS OF ALBERTA

We submit herewith the findings of the two General Conventions, held in Calgary for the South, and in Edmonton for the North, for the purpose of formulating the planks of the Social Credit Platform.

We appeal for your support along the lines indicated.

HELP US to ELECT a GOOD, CLEAN, HONEST GOVERNMENT with the WELFARE of the PEOPLE at HEART!

We have a duty to perform and we should let nothing interfere with us until we have accomplished it.

WE MUST END "Poverty in the midst of plenty". We must build up an economic System backed by a Government **that will** look after our people so that they **will not** have to suffer as they are **to-day**.

Let us lead the World in the NEW SOCIAL ORDER.