

"BUILDING ON A FIRM FOUNDATION"

# LIBERAL PLATFORM

## PART TWO

On Monday, December 3, Part One of the Liberal Platform was presented to you. It is reprinted below, left, for your further study. Today we are proud to present Part Two of the Liberal Platform for your consideration and approval. We hope you will study it carefully. We believe you will agree it is a program designed for the greater good of Prince Edward Island. We re-assure you that we mean to carry out these pledges to you. The Liberal Party makes no promises it cannot or will not fulfill.

### REPRINT OF PART ONE

#### AGRICULTURE

- We will promote wider use of Soil Testing Service.
- We will promote a wider dissemination of information made available by federal research.
- We will promote the increased use of lime, either by a larger subsidy, or by assistance from the station to the field.
- We will provide for more efficient management of all government departments concerned with the growing and selling of farm products.
- We will encourage farm co-operative activities so that farm families will get their fair share of Island prosperity.
- We will encourage business on the Island to process our farm products for the benefit of the farmers.
- We will continue to promote the development of the Tobacco Industry, giving special consideration to our Island farmers.
- We will establish a complete new Marketing Advisory Service in the Department of Agriculture to give daily assistance to farmers and fishermen in the selling of their products.

#### FISHERIES

- We will provide a substantial increase in the fisheries budget to assure the implementation of a comprehensive fisheries program.
- We will establish plate freezer units at various fishing plants throughout the province to enable freezing of fisheries products that can be sold to advantage under this method of processing.
- We will extend central holding facilities for frozen fisheries products.
- We will provide a new policy of financial assistance to fishermen for the purchase of boats, etc., and we will give fishermen representation on the Loan Board.
- We will establish a standing committee on fisheries to keep abreast of the problems concerning the development of the fishing industry in Prince Edward Island.

#### GENERAL GOV'T

- We will make an immediate and complete investigation into the finances of the province in order to ascertain and reveal the true conditions thereof.
- We will provide equal justice to all by prompt and impartial enforcement of all laws.
- The principle of calling public tenders for highway contracts, public works and government purchases will be re-established and advertised in the press.
- Civil Service vacancies that arise will be advertised in the public press.
- A proper accounting of all receipts and expenditures for the current year will be made and submitted to the next following session of the Legislature so that all persons in the province may be kept adequately informed as to the conduct of public affairs.
- We will, through the Department of Municipal Affairs, arrange for full co-operation between the government and the towns and villages of the province.

#### TRANSPORTATION

- We will continue to urge upon the federal government the necessity for a new ice-breaking car ferry between Bordet and Tormentine. We will impress upon the federal authorities the necessity for a ferry at West Point.
- An all-weather road will be provided from each end of the province to Bordet.
- We will arrange a fair deal for our Island truckmen.

#### ELECTORAL REFORM

- A Liberal government will give immediate consideration to the report of the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform and follow up the same with legislative action adopting as a fundamental principle that the present regional representation remains undisturbed and additional seats be allocated to more populous areas.
- We will lower the voting age to eighteen years.
- We will see that Indians are given the right to vote.

### FARMERS! GUARANTEED MINIMUM POTATO PRICES!

The Liberal Party promises that a Liberal Government in office will guarantee to the farmers of Prince Edward Island a minimum price on potatoes of \$1.00 per 75 lb. bag bulk, effective Dec. 15, 1962, for a period of 3 months thereafter, or longer if required. Subsidies will be given if necessary.

### PARENTS! FREE SCHOOL BOOKS!

In order to fulfil a long-felt need of the parents in this province, the Liberal Party promises, when elected, to supply all prescribed text-books free of charge to all public school pupils in this province attending Grades One to Ten, inclusive.

### ALL ISLANDERS! REBATE ON HOSPITAL PREMIUMS!

By immediate Liberal legislation, your hospital premiums will be paid for you - - - AND you will receive a rebate on advance payments up to Sept. 30, 1962. This will mean a saving to you of \$48.00 per year - - - PLUS THE REBATE. The above legislation was proposed by the Liberal members and turned down by a Conservative Legislature

### TRADE

- We will establish an Island Productivity Council of volunteer business leaders to make sure the government, the farmers and the fishermen have the best trading information available so that improved trading will increase family incomes.
- We will establish trade agents in the West Indies and South American countries to create markets for Island products.
- We will institute a program of continuing market research for the farmers, fishermen and processors of the Island, so that we can sell more higher-quality goods in competition with other parts of Canada.
- We will encourage the establishment of new business in the province. In every case, we will ensure that Islanders have direction and control of any company financially assisted by the government.
- We will institute an immediate study of present subsidized shipping services and, if we find that our money is not bringing returns to our producers, we will divert this money to other and more profitable uses.
- We will promote the establishment of plants for the processing of Irish Moss in the province.
- We will make a thorough investigation into the activities of the Prince Edward Island Industrial Corporation and the Prince Edward Island Building Corporation.
- We will institute a policy of reforestation.
- We will continue and improve the policy instituted by former Liberal governments of building dams for preserving and raising the water level for farming and improving fishing for our own people and for visitors.

### EDUCATION

- We will provide all prescribed text books to all Public School pupils up to Grade Ten at no cost to the parents.
- We will reinstate the policy of equalization grants so that the less prosperous school districts will be brought up to the highest level in the province.
- We will do everything a government can do to encourage the highest possible teaching standards.
- We will make the teaching profession a more attractive career for young people to enter.
- Vocational guidance programs, opportunity classes for slow earners, enrichment classes for above average children, improved supervisory and inspection services will make our education system unrivalled in Canada.
- We will see that there will be no tax increase to the school districts in order to maintain regional high schools.

### HEALTH

- We will remove Hospital Insurance premiums and pay the cost of Hospital Insurance out of general revenue. We will rebate advance payments up to September 30, 1962.
- We will increase grants to hospitals and thereby assist them to operate more efficiently and provide better care for patients.
- We will study the problem of alcoholism with an aim to provide treatment and rehabilitation for those who need or seek help.
- We will set up a non-partisan committee of representative citizens to work in conjunction with the Medical Society of the province, with the objective of offering free medical care for those receiving welfare assistance.
- We will provide training facilities for the mentally and physically handicapped.

### WELFARE

- We will provide pensions immediately for widows who no longer qualify for Mothers' Allowances and for single women who are over sixty years of age.
- We will continue a policy inaugurated by previous Liberal governments of providing adequate housing for our senior citizens.
- We will pay the cost of supplying eye glasses to needy children up to the age of eight years.

# VOTE LIBERAL DEC. 10<sup>th</sup>

"OTTAWA WILL BE LIBERAL"