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PARTY PLATFORM

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good, and a tractor had to come to the rescue and extract Big Fred and Little Allan from the mire.

Platform Reviewed

My party has a Platform to submit to the people of this Province for approval. A Platform that I believe should be interesting to the electorate after so many years of Jones rule —

Firstly, Agriculture and Fisheries.

On election on April 26th, the Conservative Party, besides carrying on the usual work of the Department of Agriculture, will set up a special fund to be administered by a Commission under the Minister of Agriculture, with assistance from the employees and field representatives of the Departments of Agriculture and Fisheries, which fund shall be for the purpose of advancing loans to farmers and fishermen and to those desirous of becoming farmers and fishermen on long terms of credit at interest and at a low rate for the following purposes:

- (1) For the purchase of farm lands.
- (2) For the purchase of live stock, either pure bred or good grade.
- (3) For the purchase of essential farming equipment.
- (4) For the purchase of boats and fishing equipment by fishermen.
- (5) For the purchase of fish buildings and construction of freezers and storage buildings.

No down payment shall be necessary and the sum to be allotted on the inauguration of this plan shall be \$1,000,000. This is a plan I have advocated for years but without result from the Liberal Party. They would rather sit back and see the flower of our manhood and girlhood leave the Province, perhaps never to return, to see our farms become vacant and our islands left with the greatest number of old people per capita in Canada. Why has not some assistance like this been put in force before, so that our farmers and farmer's sons would not be in the near depression that they are now approaching.

We have a veterans' assistance act called the Veterans' Land Act, why not a similar act for our civilian farmers and fishermen. I say we must have it now and the only way is to remove the present Government and allow the Conservative Party under my leadership to put into force this support and rehabilitation plan, a plan that will bring prosperity to our farmers and fishermen with no loss to the Government.

Credit Essential

At the present time many young men are seeking a start in life on their own as farmers and fishermen in this Province. They must get credit to start. All other sources of loans are now closed to them. Why should not the Government step in and help and a Conservative Government will if given the chance on the 26th. Our Liberal friends will say, where is the money to come from. The present Liberal leader has boasted in the past on many occasions that his Government could borrow all the money they wanted at 2 1/2 or 3 per cent, and he has borrowed huge sums to finance his yearly deficits since 1949, incurred by foolish spending, such as the "Eskimo" venture, the Falconwood barn, and now the \$150,000 garage at Hillsboro Bridge.

Has he lent any assistance to establish our boys on our farms—why not, the investment was safe, should not our young men be encouraged to remain here? Has not Premier Jones own son done well farming as long as he had the necessary credit? Has not Premier Jones succeeded in farming in the same way himself? He boasts of his 70 head of cattle—How many have a herd of this number or even one third of it? Why, the lack of credit and capital has been the bug-bear of our farmers for many years.

We will remedy that by extending capital to them. True we may not borrow at 2 1/2 per cent now but we will borrow and can borrow. This will be a separate fund, clear of ordinary revenue and I feel that loans will be made at approximately 4 per cent. A farmer already set up may borrow for stock and equipment. Many of our farmers today would like to get more and better cattle. Suppose he wants to buy two young heifers which would cost say \$500. He can pick out the heifers he chooses of any breed under the supervision of fieldmen from the Department. The seller will receive cash forthwith and the farmer gets his heifers immediately. We will give the farmer ample time to repay say 3, 4 or 5 years. In that time the offspring will have the loan paid off and the

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farmer will have a small herd. Why Premier Jones would be able to sell off some of his own heifers in this manner, if not too high priced. In the case of a young man wanting to purchase a farm — a loan would be advanced to him for the purchase of an approved farm without any deposit. He will also be able to borrow for stock and equipment. Fishermen individually and collectively will come under the same plan and will be able to borrow against any equipment they desire to purchase, including the erection of buildings and small freezing plants.

There is no other source of help comparable to this in this Province and with proper administration there will be no loss to the Province and untold good will be done. Just think, if a plan of this nature had been started say 10 years ago when I first advocated same, how far different would be the circumstances of many of our distressed farmers today. In further reference to our farming and fishing we will find ways and means to get assistance from the Support Price funds and will press for a plan and scheme by which help will be given when the emergency arises.

Teachers' Salaries

Secondly in our Platform we will provide adequate increases in teachers pay with special attention to increases to those of our teaching profession who are especially qualified and have experience. Our Department of Education will at all times cooperate on a most friendly basis with the profession and I see no reason why any animosity should exist as we have noticed in the past. To help lighten the burden of parents due to taxation and the high cost of living, we will provide free of cost school books up to Grade VI in all public schools. I feel that this benefit is long overdue and the increasing cost of school books has been a worrisome item for every wage earner.

Thirdly in our Platform, we will inaugurate a policy in reference to rural electricity a policy long promised by the Liberal and never fulfilled. The present administration has no policy and never had. They would like you to believe that the policy of the Maritime Electric Company is their policy, but our rural people well know that if they want a line put in, they go to the Company and not to Premier Jones and his Government.

We are much in need of the benefit of electricity in our rural areas and four long years ago Premier Jones promised action and "possibly authorized Grants-in-Aid to assure a quick extension of electricity into rural areas."

The people were fooled by the talk of grants-in-aid and still are without electric service, except where the Company have gone ahead on its own. We know that there are many districts that must do without electric service unless some Governmental help is forthcoming. Where the Liberal Government failed you, we will

help you and will where necessary extend financial assistance and co-operate wholeheartedly with the producers of power for its distribution throughout the Province.

Highway Maintenance

Fourthly, we will inaugurate a policy of extension and maintenance of permanent highways in this Province with an equal and fair distribution for each of our three Counties. I feel that all citizens of this Province will realize the serious problem that will confront us in this regard. Due to the net work of roads in this Province, due to neglect in maintenance by the present regime, and due to the lack of any policy on road building after two terms of Jones Government, this Province now faces a serious problem. In the past twenty years our roads were never as bad as they are at the present. Among the travelling public this Province is being sidestepped due to the unhappy reputation that has gone abroad. Our tourist traffic has suffered. This must be remedied. The hit and miss policy of the Government must be stopped and a sane policy of road making adopted.

We will build new paved roads and I will see that Prince and Kings Counties receive better consideration than in the past. We will put in force a regular patrol system on all sections of roads at all times of the year so that our improved roads will not be left to deteriorate and wash out due to carelessness. Coupled with our policy of extension and maintenance the Trans-Canada contract will be given further consideration so that its location and manner of building will be in conformity with our needs and economy. Every opportunity will be given for free and open discussion and there shall be no ruthless interference with rights and privileges enjoyed for years.

In accordance with my Party's previous commitment, we will build and complete a West River Bridge to serve all the residents of the South Shore. For many long years the isolated people of the South side have put up with poor roads and a poor ferry service. It will be one of my first responsibilities to see that this plight is remedied.

Fifthly my Party having always had faith in our special claims against the Dominion and having a successful record in the past in the enforcement of these claims, as evidenced by the findings of 1912, 1926 and 1934 exceeding severance and one-half million dollars, which findings the Liberal party failed to enforce and the Federal Government being inadequate and unjust to this Province, we shall demand an agreement which will recognize our special claims and produce for the Province revenue sufficient to meet its fiscal need.

Claims At Ottawa

The Liberal Party may say where is our revenue to come from if we put in force the benefits we intend. We say from Ottawa. We

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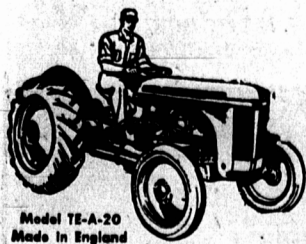
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