

# MODEL PARLIAMENT

## The Conservatives Say

We, the Progressive Conservative Association of Dalhousie, believe that Canada faces new and complex problems. We believe that if our economic system is to meet the challenge of these problems and expect the support of the nation as a whole, the government must deal with such problems in no uncertain way.

The free enterprise system, unlike socialism, has never held forth the promise of equality of reward and avoidance of all distress, but rather the fact of equality of opportunity and the greatest opportunity to avoid distress.

We, therefore, offer to the electorate a dynamic policy designed to meet the challenge of the future:

### DEFENCE:

The Progressive Conservative Party reaffirms its support of NATO and NORAD. We believe that these alliances are the cornerstone of Canada's defence policy. We fully support all commitments to these alliances.

To this end we advocate the equipment of all nuclear delivery systems, i.e., Bomarc, CF-101, CF-104, Lacrosse with nuclear weapons.

The acceleration of the present program for the development of advanced high speed "Hydrofoil" sub-killer's.

The strengthening of Canada's naval role in NATO by the acquisition of advanced ASROC (anti-submarine rockets) which may be fitted to the St. Laurent, Restigouche, and Mackenzie class destroyer escorts.

The Progressive Conservative Party is deeply aware of the need of improving and modernizing the

Canadian armed forces. To this end we propose to institute a more complete integration of the three armed forces. Under this system duplication of supply, transport, medicine, repair, pay, postal, provost and intelligence, will be eliminated. This integration will result in substantial savings in defence expenditures.

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Progressive Conservative Party believes that Canada should play a greater role in the field of hemispheric relations. To this end, we advocate a three-point policy:

1. Canada's application for membership in the Organization of American States. We feel that Canada could contribute to the easing of international tensions within the Western Hemisphere by playing a more active part in its affairs.

2. The initiation of a dynamic trade policy to further strengthen

hemispheric relations through closer economic ties.

3. The organization of a scholarship fund for the training of South Americans in Canadian universities.

The Progressive Conservative Party of Dalhousie advocates the establishment, through the United Nations, of a World Food Bank.

In our view the concept of a World Food Bank must be based on the need of people for food; not the need of countries to dispose of surpluses. What we envisage is that the more fortunate members of the UN, most of whom have a substantial potential for food production, should jointly make some of their resources in this field available to assist the less fortunate.

### EDUCATION:

The Progressive Conservative Party of Dalhousie proposes to initiate a bold new plan for undergraduate college education.

For one year's service in the armed forces, working towards a commission in the militia, a student with university qualifications will receive free his university education at any Canadian college of his choice. To qualify, a student applicant would be required to meet certain physical and academic standards.

To discourage abuse of this plan, students who fail an academic year will be required to reimburse the government for the costs incurred. With a great emphasis being placed today on national survival and physical fitness, this plan will contribute much to these goals.

Recognizing the need for a more equitable basis of federal grants to universities, the Progressive Conservative Party of Dalhousie will endeavour at the National Convention of PCSF to change the present form of federal grants to universities. We therefore propose that the present system be changed to a system of per capita student enrollment, from a basis of provincial population. We feel that the existing method of grants is totally unfair to the Maritime universities.

We propose that an amendment be made to the Unemployment Insurance Act to make provision for the exemption of university students from contributing to the fund during his period of summer employment. We consider it unfair that students should be required to pay into the fund while having no opportunity to benefit from it.

### IMMIGRATION:

The Progressive Conservative Party of Dalhousie recognizes the need for changes in section 61 of the Immigration Act.

This act contains certain provisions which, under the guise of ambiguous wording may be used for discrimination against particular ethnic or racial groups. We therefore propose to delete subsection (g) Section 61, and replace it with the following:

The limiting of admission of unskilled persons due to the existence of economic conditions in Canada which make their entrance unfeasible.

### FISHERIES:

The Progressive Conservative Party of Dalhousie strongly advocates a further International Law of the Sea conference to negotiate the establishment of a 12 mile territorial limit.

### WE FURTHER SUPPORT:

1. The acquisition of the replica of HMS Bounty by Canada.
2. That the salaries paid to members' of Parliament be increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.
3. The patriation of the British North America Act by means of the 'Fulton Formula'.
4. The establishment in Canada of a Canadian Hospital Sweep-stake.

### ECONOMIC POLICY

Canada is undergoing technical economic adjustments because of the drastic changes in world economic policy. The Progressive Conservative Party advocates policies which will offer incentive both to management and labor.

1. We recognize the difficulties which some 'depressed' areas have in developing their full eco-

## THE LIBERALS SPEAK

The Dalhousie University Liberal Club presents the following statement of policy for your consideration. Canada must go forward. It must regain the international prestige it has lost under the Conservative government. Domestic problems must be solved. Only the policies of a Liberal government will accomplish these objectives.

### NATIONAL DEFENCE:

The Liberal Party will try to strike a realistic compromise between keeping peace and keeping our freedom.

a. Duplication and waste must be eliminated in national defence expenditures.

b. A definite policy will be established which will end the confusion and lack of policy of the Diefenbaker government.

c. A Liberal government will not acquire or equip Canadian forces with nuclear weapons. However it would consider allowing nuclear weapons in Canada under U.S. control, if this were obviously essential for maintenance of the West's nuclear deterrent, and for the preservation of our freedom.

d. A Liberal government will base its defence policy on the fundamental truth that, in a nuclear age, the only protection is the establishment and maintenance of a creative peace. A Liberal government will do its utmost to promote the establishment of international peace.

e. A Liberal government will continue to play an important part in the support of the defence policy of NATO.

a. A Liberal government will reestablish Canadian prestige in international affairs.

b. A Liberal government will work for the removal of tension between Canada and the U.S. which has developed under the tactless diplomacy of the Progressive Conservative government.

c. A Liberal government will increase and enlarge the scope of international aid to the underdeveloped countries of the world.

d. A Liberal government will work for the establishment of permanent international peace and Police Forces under the UN.

### UNEMPLOYMENT:

This problem has been avoided by the present government. A new Liberal government will take effective measures not only to alleviate present unemployment but also to cure the basic causes of unemployment.

a. Long Term plans will be worked out by a Liberal government to prevent unemployment.

b. A Liberal government will adopt the following measures immediately to revive the lagging economy:

1. Easier credit and lower interest rates: the resulting cheaper and more easily available loans would stimulate increases in investment output and employment.
2. Improved retraining programs:

economic potentialities. To this end we advocate measures which would encourage the establishment of new industries within these areas, and the continuance and extension of a broad technical trades training program.

2. The Progressive Conservative Party recognizes the extent of the financial burden which has been thrust upon the municipalities in the last five years. To relieve this burden we advocate:

A. A 15 per cent tax credit on income from municipal bonds in order to make them more attractive to buyers and thus reduce interest and carrying costs to the municipality.

B. The establishment of a Municipal Finance Corporation, modeled on the Industrial Development Bank, to meet a portion of the municipality's demands for financing.

3. The Progressive Conservative Party fully supported the government in the recent controversy with the Bank of Canada; and advocates the amending of the Bank of Canada Act in order to bring the operations of the Bank in harmony with the principle of responsible government.

4. We fully endorse the work of the National Productivity Council, and advocate that this body's activities be broadened in order to increase our competitive position in the markets of the world.

a Liberal government would finance supplementary payments to any unemployed person undertaking a suitable vocational training course to equip himself for another job. The facilities for such training would be greatly expanded and more widely publicized.

3. Tax concessions will be granted by way of special depreciation allowances to encourage business to expand and create new jobs.

4. Winter Work: a Liberal Government would provide tax incentives for extra activity in the winter. This would increase the level of employment during this period.

5. Public Works: the Liberal party believes that municipal public works can provide employment far more quickly than can many Federal Projects. Accordingly, federal contributions to municipal winter work programs would be increased, and should vary according to the level of unemployment in the locality.

A Liberal government will increase grants in aid of educational purposes. These will take the form of:

a. an extensive scheme of bursaries and scholarships under a scheme whereby both need and merit will be recognized.

b. increase federal grants to universities which will be based on student enrollment and not on a per capita basis.

(a) A Liberal government will immediately increase the Old Age Pension by paying a \$10.00 monthly supplement as soon as legislation can be passed.

b. A Liberal government will introduce a broad plan of pensions which will be of a contributory nature, so as to provide proper and adequate pensions for all Canadians.

c. A Liberal government will develop a nationally co-ordinated plan to make retirement pensions fully portable, thus enhancing the mobility of labor.

A Liberal government will:

(a) Set up a Municipal Loan Fund which, working with the Provinces, will provide money for needed municipal services.

(b) Increase the federal government's contribution to slum clearance.

(c) Broaden the federal government's contribution to all kinds and stages of urban renewal costs.

(d) Provide special aid to municipalities in distressed areas.

(e) Provide capital for rural re-development plans.

(f) In co-operation with the provinces, increase construction of low-rental homes.

(a) A Liberal government will introduce measures to promote industrial development, to improve transportation and agricultural opportunities and to develop the natural resources, and to provide financial aid to encourage primary and new secondary industries in the Atlantic Provinces.

(b) A Liberal government will restore the merchant shipping service between Canada and the Caribbean Federation.

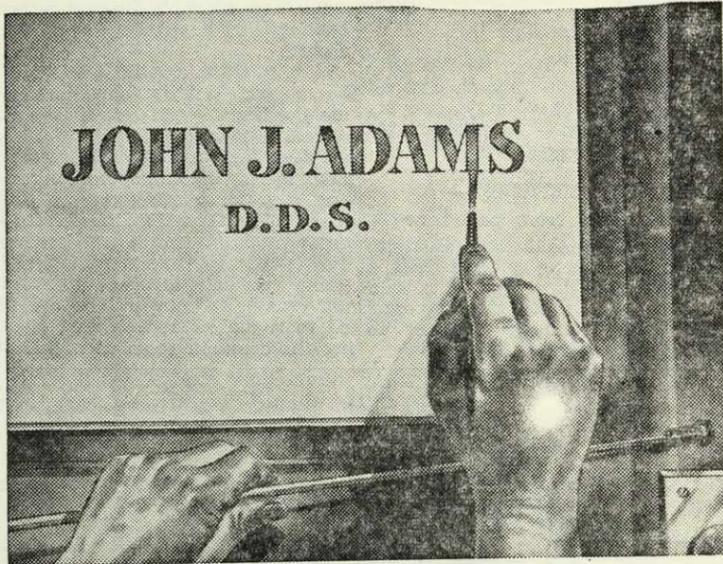
(c) A Liberal Government will direct the Dominion Coal Board to consider with labour and management the possibility of new mine openings in the coal areas of all the Provinces. An Industrial Commission composed of experienced personnel will be set up to apply the general employment policies of the Liberal Party directly to the coal areas.

A Liberal government will provide:

a. Special financial assistance for trunk highways in all four Atlantic Provinces.

b. Increased financial assistance under the Maritime Freight Rates Act.

c. Increased coastal services to Newfoundland, a new car ferry between Digby and Saint John, and other projects in the field of transportation to enlarge economic opportunities in the Atlantic Provinces.



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