

"it's time for a change"

- richard hatfield

WE DEMAND:

*** A DECENT LEVEL OF WELFARE PAYMENTS**

Welfare payments in New Brunswick are the lowest in Canada. Children cannot help being undernourished on 43 cents a day for food. The situation is intolerable. We demand that welfare payments in this province be doubled.

*** END TO THE VOUCHER SYSTEM'S PRESENT WAY OF OPERATION**

It is inconceivable that humans can eat nutritionally on a voucher received once a month. How can a welfare parent buy economically when she is allowed to spend her voucher in one store only? And how can a person maintain any self-respect when somebody is yelling "Voucher Case"?

*** FREE 24 HOUR DAY CARE**

Free - as an extension of the education system. Free, because the poor cannot afford day care. Twenty-four hour, because the inability of many women with children to take jobs in the evening deprives them of work they need. Day Care: because children themselves need it. Welfare children, especially, require the nutritional meals, educational devices and toys, contact with a more positive environment, provided by day care.

*** JOBS FOR NEW BRUNSWICKERS**

During the last election campaign, Richard Hatfield promised 40,000 new jobs for New Brunswick over the next 5 years. That is 8,000 jobs a year. Hatfield has been in power for one year: Where are the 8,000 jobs? The government has been giving money away to the corporations to create jobs. They take the money, but where are the jobs? There is work that needs to be done in this province, and since the corporations can't or won't do it the government should hire people and do it themselves. And all workers should be paid a decent wage for the work they do.

*** EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK**

There are well over 4 million Canadian families headed by men: only 17 per cent of them are below the poverty line. There are 340,000 families headed by women: 36 per cent are below the poverty line. When you look at just the families with children under 16, and a mother at the head, over half of them, 51.8 per cent, are living in poverty. Single women, women who support their families, women who supplement the inadequate salaries of their husbands, all require and must receive salaries equal to those of men doing comparable work.

watch for special meeting

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