EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP INVESTS IN THE FUTURE

or well over half our provincial budget will be spent in the current year on the education of the young, the financial security of the elderly, and the good health of all. It's the biggest in-

vestment we make as a government, and will continue to make, because it means that all of us – wherever we live – can face the future with confidence. 35

- Richard Hatfield

Quality of life has to mean financial security in old age. Inflation hits hardest those on fixed incomes, especially our senior citizens.

That's why the Hatfield government put ceilings on rental increases and that's why Premier Hatfield announced, effective October 1st, that the Rent Assistance Program for senior citizens will be increased and its benefits extended as well to all disabled people responsible for their own accommodation.

The Hatfield government is determined to upgrade our systems of education, health and social assistance, and to provide those services where people live.

Because leadership means commitment to community, and leadership means investment in our future.

Sound fiscal management makes economic growth possible, and so generates the revenues to pay for social programs.

Sound fiscal management means A+ credit, but it means a good deal more. It means that this year, unlike provinces to the east and west of us, there have been no cutbacks or shut-downs in essential social services. It means as well, unlike almost every other province in Canada, New Brunswick can actually continue to expand the services government provides, and continue to close the gap with the richer provinces.

Education – our best shot at the future.

In a constantly changing world, the need to renew and enrich our skills has never been more apparent. That's why the Hatfield government has substantially increased spending on new school construction, has created twelve new courses in the technical trades, is currently retraining over 30,000 adults, and has significantly enlarged direct student aid.

That's why Premier Hatfield has pledged increased support for day-care centres and a universal kindergarten program starting in September 1984.

Though the world and the workplace are changing rapidly, education remains one of the best investments we can make in the skills we'll need tomorrow.

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Support the team that believes in New Brunswick. On October 12, re-elect the Hatfield Government.

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