



the facts... on people programs

and other accomplishments with the Progressive Conservative Government

Better Housing and Relief for Homeowners and Renters

- 47,000 new units — far ahead of all other provinces. One-quarter of these are the direct result of provincial programs.
- The Alberta Home Mortgage Corporation and the Alberta Housing Corporation are moving into the areas of helping people on limited incomes.
- Home Adaptation Program: This program provides a grant of up to \$1,000 to handicapped individuals or their families.
- Senior Citizens Home Improvement Program: Our government has committed approximately \$32.5 million to over 32,000 senior citizens in Alberta.
- Rural Repair Program provides financial assistance to Metis families in Alberta for home repairs.
- Renters assistance grants.
- Construction of self-contained apartments, lodges and nursing homes, and grants for home improvement, provide housing alternatives for senior citizens.
- \$15 million for low income housing in rural and remote areas in 1978.
- Starter home ownership program for young Albertans.
- Municipal Debt Reduction program of \$1 billion to help municipalities ease property tax.

Improved social programs

- Day Care Regulations to ensure quality care for our children, as well as subsidization of low-income families.
- Home Care Program can provide needed health services to 25,000 citizens a year.
- Vocational rehabilitation for handicapped adults.
- Youth Assessment centres for juveniles increased in number.
- Consumer Protection measures.
- International Aid Program — support to less fortunate in other parts of the world.
- Dramatic new support ensures minimum income to the handicapped, as well as a program to provide aids to daily living.
- Up-graded court system.

Education

- Provincial support per person is highest in Canada.
- New special programs for handicapped and special education students.
- Small rural schools given increased support.
- Emphasis on improved curriculum.
- More priority for Canadian and Alberta history and geography.
- Educational opportunities in rural Alberta through junior college system.

The Challenge of the Future

Now, more than ever, Alberta will need imaginative leadership to face the enormous challenges of the eighties. Our province will have a significant role to play in strengthening Canadian unity. The Heritage Savings Trust Fund will require innovative planning and sound management if we are to continue to strengthen and diversify our economy. The Progressive Conservative Party is confident it can meet these and other challenges and provide you with the leadership that will be demanded in the decade ahead.

Farms

- Net farm income for Alberta agricultural more than tripled since 1971.
- Lowest farm fuel costs in the country.
- Farm input costs kept lower than elsewhere.
- Support for market development and grain transportation improvement, including initiative to improve facilities at Prince Rupert.
- Loans to beginning farmers and reduced interest rates for established farmers.
- More processing in our own Province.
- Irrigation and grazing expanded.

Protection of the Consumer

- Legislative changes to help eliminate unfair selling practices in the marketplace.
- Consumer education program to prevent the abuse of credit.
- New Landlord and Tenant Act to provide protection for renters and owners of rental units.

Help for the Handicapped

- New Alberta Assured Income for the Handicapped will assure severely handicapped Albertans aged 18 - 65 (who are not resident in institutions) an income which will be equivalent to that guaranteed to Alberta's senior citizens. This will include coverage for drugs, optical and dental care. In addition, and on the basis of demonstrated need, other financial assistance towards living expenses may be provided.
- Through the Aids to Daily Living program, Albertans with chronic or long-term health disorders will be provided, through provincial assistance, with such aids as wheelchairs, respiratory equipment and ostomy supplies.
- A new Program Unit Grant to meet the education needs of the dependent handicapped and multi-handicapped. This will augment the \$57 million already provided annually for education of the handicapped.
- Six new positions at the Alberta School for the Deaf.
- Funds available to school boards for an additional 104 special education teaching positions, bringing the total number of such positions to about 1,650 to serve approximately 25,000 children.
- Additional vocational training facilities, sheltered workshops, and community residences for handicapped adults.
- Assistance to physically handicapped to renovate their homes.
- Mental Health Research Fund.

An Estimate of Taxes Levied by the Provinces on a 1978 Family

Province	Personal Income Tax	Sales Tax	Gasoline Tax	Tobacco Tax	Total Taxes ¹
— dollars per annum —					
B.C.	853	294	105	32	1,509
ALTA.	714	—	—	22	912
SASK.	910	210	118	65	1,303
MAN.	1,001	149	112	54	1,316
ONT.	816	272	118	74	1,808
QUE.	1,387	336	118	54	2,130
N.B.	998	336	124	27	1,485
N.S.	973	336	130	41	1,480
P.E.I.	927	336	130	54	1,447
NFLD.	1,066	420	167	81	1,734

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in just 8 years... that's leadership!



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