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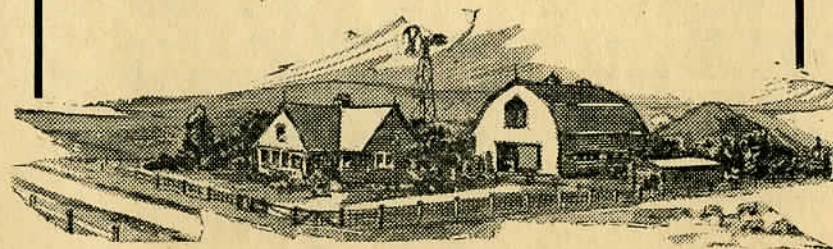


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The C.C.F. believes in the family farm as the basis of rural life. Living standards for farmers must rise with those in the rest of the community. Our aim should be to make life on the farm as rich and satisfying as modern amenities make possible.

This is the C.C.F. objective for the people who make—or try to make—their living on Saskatchewan farms. The C.C.F. believes that, if a proper agricultural policy is followed, farmers and their families can in reasonable hours of work make a satisfactory living without drudgery and unpaid labor and enjoy the benefits of modern conveniences, modern homes, and modern services.

They do not do so now. Some 96% of farm families in Saskatchewan still have to take their bath in a tub in the middle of the kitchen floor. About the same percentage of farm women carry every drop of water that is used, into the house in a pail, and out again in another pail. 95% have no electricity to use on the farm or in the home, 67% have no telephone, while 28% cannot even afford the few dollars necessary to own and maintain a radio. Over 13,000 families in rural Saskatchewan live in one-roomed houses, and over 25,000 in two-roomed houses; these two groups

make up about 30% of the total number of rural homes. Furthermore, the Saskatchewan farmer and his family have had to put up with inferior and inadequate health and educational services. Nor do many farm families have the wherewithal to enjoy those holidays to which every productive worker is entitled.

The C.C.F. agricultural policy is designed to correct these conditions. It is designed to provide economic security, increase farm income, and improve the standard of living on Saskatchewan farms.

I. A C.C.F. GOVERNMENT IN SASKATCHEWAN

SECURITY ON THE FARM

A C.C.F. Government in Saskatchewan will take the following steps to guarantee to farmers security on their farms:

1. It will stop foreclosure and eviction.
2. It will protect from seizure that part of a farmer's crop that is needed to provide for his family.
3. It will, if necessary, use the power of debt moratorium to compel reduction of debts to a figure at which they can reasonably be paid at prevailing prices for farm products.
4. It will prevent the growth of debt by placing a crop failure clause in all mortgages and agreements of sale.

INCREASING THE FARM INCOME

5. It will demand for farm products such guaranteed minimum prices as will cover the cost of production and ensure the producer an adequate standard of living.

6. It will urge the Federal Government to set up a comprehensive and effective system of crop insurance.

7. It will encourage the development of the co-operative movement.

8. It will press for the abolition of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

EFFICIENT PRODUCTION

9. **Farm Machinery.** A C.C.F. Government in Saskatchewan working with the Farm Implement co-operative will undertake to make available to farmers the best quality of standardized farm machinery at greatly reduced prices. It will encourage practical users of farm machinery and agricultural engineers to suggest improvements in the construction of machines, and it will, through adult education and extension work, help farmers to use their equipment most efficiently.

10. **Health of Animals.** A C.C.F. Government in Saskatchewan will extend and improve animal health services. It will undertake the scientific prevention and control of animal diseases, and will provide serums and vaccines at cost.

11. **The Subsistence Farm.** A C.C.F. Government in Saskatchewan will make success possible for people now living on subsistence farms, which are mainly a legacy from the bad policies followed in the past. The C.C.F. will give assistance wherever the farms can be made into efficient producing units; where the land is not fit for cultivation it will be used in other ways.

12. **Land Utilization.** A C.C.F. Government in Saskatchewan will introduce a practical policy of land utilization designed to increase production for our home and export markets. It will guarantee individual farmers against any loss resulting from changes made necessary by the policy.

II. A C.C.F. GOVERNMENT AT OTTAWA

The foregoing are steps to be taken by a C.C.F. Government in Saskatchewan. The following is the Federal C.C.F. agricultural policy:

1. **Prices for Farm Products.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will establish guaranteed minimum prices for all farm products, such prices to be sufficient to cover the cost of production and provide an adequate standard of living for the farmer.

2. **Crop Insurance.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will establish a comprehensive system of crop insurance on an individual basis, to protect Canadian farmers against loss of crop due to causes beyond the farmer's control.

3. **Marketing Boards.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will provide for the orderly marketing of all principal farm products by marketing boards with adequate producer representation.

4. **Livestock Commission.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will set up a board of livestock commissioners with power to license and regulate the facilities for the handling, grading, selling, and processing of livestock, poultry and their products. This board will also regulate the grading and selling of poultry, eggs, and dairy produce.

5. **Agricultural Credits.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will provide farm credits at cost through a socially owned banking system

6. **Security in Ownership.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will pass legislation to provide that every farmer shall be able to retain his farm and pass it on to his heirs, or otherwise dispose of it as he wishes.

7. **The Co-operative Act.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will encourage the formation of co-operatives in the various Provinces and will pass a Dominion Co-operative Act to provide for the co-ordination of co-operatives into a national co-operative system.

8. **Farm Implements.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will work with the co-operatives and the Provincial Governments in the manufacture and distribution of farm implements at the lowest possible cost.

9. **Storing of Surpluses.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will establish an ever-normal granary to store surpluses of non-perishable goods, and build storage facilities in order to carry a reserve of perishable goods in processed forms.

10. **Export and Import Boards.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will set up Export and Import Boards to dispose of surpluses of Canadian products in exchange for goods desired by the Canadian people and which are not economically produced in Canada.

11. **Conservation of Resources.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will undertake an extensive program of soil, water, and forest conservation.

12. **Chemurgy.** A C.C.F. Government at Ottawa will begin immediate research in the field of chemurgy to find out what agri-