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SYBIL BENNETT

I am the Progressive Conservative candidate for the county of Halton and as such, through the columns of this paper, I wish to deal with the issues relevant to the Federal election campaign in which we are now engaged. In the next few weeks, therefore, I shall discuss some of the problems facing Canada as a whole and Halton County in particular and deal with my Party's platform and the election issues as they arise.

The Progressive Conservative Party has accepted the challenge to aggressive and positive action in facing the problems of this county and laying down a program designed to deal with the needs of the people by straightforward and immediate action.

The Progressive Conservative Party platform in brief is:

1. Contributory health insurance in co-operation with the Provinces.
2. Tax reductions of \$500,000,000 yearly.
3. Sales and excise tax exemptions for Municipalities.
4. Dominion - Provincial conference to revise tax system.
5. Reduction in the cost of Government by increased efficiency.
6. Restoration of the supremacy of Parliament.
7. Senate reform.
8. New laws to curb Communism.
9. Restoration and expansion of world markets.
10. Fair floor prices for farm products.
11. Review of national labour legislation.
12. Low-cost housing program.
13. Improved freight rate structure.
14. Review of civil service legislation.
15. National policy to exploit natural resources.
16. Full support for the Commonwealth, U-N, NATO and other world bodies.

In the articles to follow I shall deal with those points of the platform that pertain and have direct relation to the people of the County of Halton, such as reduction of taxation, contributory health insurance, a low cost housing program for men and women in the medium and lower salary brackets, improved prices for farm products by the restoration and expansion of world markets to increase the diminishing returns to the farmers of this County and the Country as a whole, and the other points especially applicable to us.

Before enunciating and introducing this program to the people of this country every point was fully considered, studied and weighed in the light of our present national and international commitments for performance. In the matter of tax reduction alone there can be a saving of half a billion dollars yearly and still take care of our present defence, social security programs and those increases which will be called for by the proposals we have made for the improvement of the different Government services by applying sound business methods, by ending waste and extravagance, losses and inefficiency which have been reported by every independent enquiry of which Parliament has been permitted to see the report.

There can be no reduction of taxes, however, by the return of a Government to office which spends \$13,500 for every day of the year, including Sunday, for telephones and telegrams in the Defence Department alone, which spends \$10,000,000 a year on publicity and \$28,000,000 for professional and special services when most of these services could be performed by the highly qualified and trained civil servants which this country has at its disposal. As I said to the people of this country in a national broadcast of recent date "it is evident that the Government has lost not only its supervision and control over the management and spending of its Departments but it has also lost its sense of responsibility to the Canadian people to such a degree that it has neither the will, the energy nor the competence to remedy or correct the same."

Meanwhile, may I say to you, the people of the County of Halton, that I am proud to be the Progressive Conservative candidate for this county and that pride is tempered only by the sense of responsibility it carries to every man, woman and child.

I am proud to be the candidate for my Party because the Progressive Conservative Party has stood side by side with the Liberal Party through the centuries in what has been commonly known as our two party parliamentary system in laying the foundation and maintaining the freedom of democratic Government in this nation.

During the past three years, as president of the Women's Progressive Conservative Association of Canada, I have travelled from coast to coast and into many remote areas of this country and nowhere have I found anything finer than Halton County lying as it does in the heart of the industrial development of the North American continent and supported by richly productive agricultural lands. Over all this is the genius and resourcefulness of the men and women of Halton County which has in time past and will in years to come give it a place of leadership in this nation.

I know the county of Halton and the progressive history of its people for I come from a family that has lived in this county for over one hundred and fifty years. For the past sixteen I have practiced law in Georgetown and during that time I have been concerned with the problems of the farmers, industrial workers, merchants, professional people and all other classes of citizens of Halton County, and my business, social, and other interests are centered here. I have a deep and abiding faith in the future of this county and I feel that I can serve you diligently and effectively. ADVT.

AT ESQUESING COUNCIL
ON MONDAY, JULY 6th

Sheep claims paid totalled \$38. P. J. Laird received \$18 for a lamb killed, and Donald Lindsay \$20 for a lamb killed and a lamb and sheep injured. A. N. Stark was valuator in both cases.

Fox claims of \$15 were paid, mostly for pups destroyed. Payments were as follows: John McEachern, Acton, \$4.50; Fred Brooks, Limehouse and Edward Brown, Milton, \$3 each; Cliff Hunter, Georgetown, Keith Joyce, Acton and Edward Bailey, \$1.50 each.

\$150 was paid to Georgetown Fire Brigade for attending three fires in the township: Feb. 9th, Roy Smith car; April 1st, grass fire at Meadowglen Growers; April 14th, R. Haines garage, Glen Williams. A \$50 payment to Milton brigade was also made for attending a fire at the home of Mrs. M. E. Brain.

By-laws were passed for assessing the township for 1953, and for distributing the railway bonus among the different school sections.

The surveying firm of Bowman, Black and Shoemaker was given an extension of time to August 30 for completion of a report on the Glen Williams municipal drainage system.

Accounts included: Esquesing's share of a rescuator for Milton Fire Area, \$78; G. C. Brown, renewal on road liability policy, \$350; Roads, \$4294.

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