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SOCIAL CREDIT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA / L'Association du Crédit social  
du Canada (1944-1968).

Originals, 1933-1972. 1 m. Finding Aid No. 435.

The Social Credit Association was founded in April 1944 at the first National Convention held in Toronto of all Social Credit provincial associations. Solon Low was elected President and National Leader with J. Ernest Grégoire as Vice-President.

In 1948, the Union des électeurs withdrew from the Association and Grégoire was replaced by Peer Paynter and W.J. Tinkler at the Regina National Convention in 1950. First established in Edmonton, the Party headquarters were transferred to Toronto in 1953 and to Ottawa in 1957.

After the general defeat of 1958, Bazil Kuglin was appointed chairman of a National Action Committee in order to reorganize and administer the Association and Peer Paynter became Acting President.

At the National Convention in July 1960, Robert Thompson was elected President of the Association with Réal Caouette, Herb Bruch and Orvis Kennedy as Vice-Presidents. A new constitution, giving more autonomy to provincial associations, was also adopted.

In July 1961, a National Leadership Convention held in Ottawa elected Robert Thompson National Leader with Réal Caouette as Deputy Leader. Martin Kelln was also chosen as National President.

Following internal conflicts, Réal Caouette and 12 M.P.'s from Quebec left the Association in September 1963 to sit under the banner of the Ralliement des créditistes. In March 1967, Robert Thompson and Martin Kelln resigned from the Association. They were replaced by Alex B. Patterson as House Leader and by Herb Bruch as President, but the Association ceased to function shortly after the 1968 election, which left the Party without representation in the House of Commons.

Presented in 1976 by Mr. Harold Splett of Ottawa.

The finding aid No. 435 is a descriptive file list. Photographs, tapes, films and printed items were transferred to the appropriate divisions.

Election files, 1957-1968. 36 cm (vols. 1-2).

It consists of biographical data on candidates, press releases and material on campaign advertising and funds. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Financial files, 1961-1968. 5 cm (vol. 2).

It includes mainly financial statements and contributions.  
Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Organization files, 1957-1972. 27 cm (vols. 3-4).

It consists of constitution and by-laws, minutes  
of the various bodies of the Association and  
information on membership and provincial  
associations. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Publicity files, 1954-1972. 27 cm (vols. 4-5).

Material includes various newsletters, pamphlets,  
speeches, press clippings and data on the Party  
newspaper Focus. Arranged alphabetically by  
subject.

Reference files, 1933-1971. 5 cm (vol. 5).

The subjects deal with banking and currency,  
fluoridation and small loans. Arranged  
alphabetically by subject.

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	Elections	
	- General	1962-1968
	- Advertising	1963-1964
	- Campaign bulletins	1962-1963
	- Campaign funds	1962-1963
	- Constituencies - Alberta	1957-1963
	- Constituencies - British Columbia	1957-1963
	- Constituencies - Manitoba	1957-1963
	- Constituencies - New Brunswick	1957-1963
	- Constituencies - N.W.T.	1957-1963
	- Constituencies - Nova Scotia	1957-1963
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	- Constituencies - Ontario: A-O	1957-1963
	- Constituencies - Ontario: P-Y	1957-1963
	- Constituencies - Quebec	1957-1963
	- Constituencies - Saskatchewan	1957-1963
	- Constituencies - Yukon	1963-1964
	- Press releases	1962-1965
	Finances	
	- General	1961-1968
	- Contributions to the Brick Fund	1965-1966
	- Financial statements	1964-1967
	- Financial statements - Ontario	1962-1966
3	Organization	
	- General	n.d., 1957-1963
	- Herb Bruch's correspondence	1966-1967
	- Constitution and by-laws	n.d., 1966
	- Membership	1963-1967
	- National conventions	1961-1965
	- National Council	1963-1967

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
3 cont'd	- National Executive	1961-1967
	- Operation Andrew	1959
	- A.B. Patterson Chairman and coordinator of Strategy & Organization Committee	1963-1965
	- Platform Committee	1965
	- Provincial Associations - General	1963-1967
	- Provincial Associations - Alberta	1964-1965
	- Provincial Associations - British Columbia	1963-1967
	- Provincial Associations - Manitoba	1962-1965
	- Provincial Associations - New Brunswick	1962-1966
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	- Provincial Associations - Ontario	1960-1966
	- Provincial Associations - Prince Edward Island	1964
	- Provincial Associations - Saskatchewan	1964-1967
4	- Social Credit in Australia	1964-1966
	- Social Credit in England	1937-1967
	- Social Credit in New Zealand	1964-1972
	- Young Social Credit	1962-1967
Publications and publicity		
	- General	1958-1964
	- <u>Canadian Comment - Social Credit Newsletter</u>	1966
	- Christmas greetings	1963-1966
	- <u>Focus</u> - Accounts	1964-1967
	- <u>Focus</u> - Advertising	1964-1967
	- <u>Focus</u> - Articles	1962-1966
	- <u>Focus</u> - Letters to the editor	1964-1967
	- <u>Focus</u> - Price lists	n.d.
	- <u>Focus</u> - Requests for	1962-1963
	- <u>Focus</u> - Subscription lists (2 files)	n.d., 1963-1965

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
4 cont'd	- <u>From the Gallery</u> , by H.F. Heald	1966
	- <u>National News</u>	1958
	- <u>Observations</u> , by B.R. Leboe	1964-1966
	- Pamphlets	c. 1957-1967
5	- Pamphlets	c. 1957-1967
	- Pamphlets	c. 1957-1967
	- Press clippings	1957-1972
	- Press releases	1962-1964
	- Requests	1963-1967
	- <u>The Social Credit Party Bulletin</u>	1965-1968
	- <u>The Socred Newsletter</u>	1964
	- Speeches and addresses	1954-1971
	- Study course (2 files)	n.d.
- Television	1962-1964	
Reference and research		
	- General	n.d.
	- Banking and financial business	1933-1971
	- Fluoridation	1961
	- Small Loans Act	1938-1956

List of Sound Tapes Transferred to the National Film,  
Television and Sound Archives

Acc. 1976-203

n. d.

Talk by Hon. C. Manning, Premier of Alberta, about monetary reform, the Canadian Bank Act, the Bank of Canada and chartered banks, social credit. This broadcast is the second in a series of four lectures entitled The Alberta Social Credit League Presents. 22 minutes. Tape 1. Re-recorded on PAC tape 1038 track 1.

n. d.

Talk by H.E. Nichols, organizer, on Major Douglas, social credit, economy, Alberta during the Depression, its' Social Credit government, the credit vouchers, the provincial interim programme, social credit. 30 minutes. Tape 2. Re-recorded on PAC tape 1038 track 2.

2 November [1960]

Talk by Robert N. Thompson, President of the Social Credit Association of Canada, about taxation, Social Credit governments in Alberta and British Columbia, Canadians, It's Time You Knew an information booklet written by R.N. Thompson. 9 minutes. Tape 3. Re-recorded on PAC tape 1038 track 2.

19 November [1960]

Talk by Robert N. Thompson, President of Social Credit Association of Canada, about public affairs, economy, national debt, traditional political parties, the monetary system, social credit. 10 minutes. Tape 3. Re-recorded on PAC tape 1038 track 2.

30 August 1961

Talk by G. Mallory, organizer, about social credit, Canada, political programme, the Canadian banking system, the British North America Act, monetary reform, financial contributions for the Social Credit Association. 33 minutes. Tape 4. Re-recorded on PAC tape 1038 track 2.

List of Sound Tapes Transferred to the National Film,  
Television and Sound Archives (cont'd)

Acc. 1976-203

Winter 1961-1962

Talk by R.J. Trotter, Vice-President and General Secretary of the Saskatchewan Social Credit League about social credit, individual freedom, Social Credit provincial governments in Canada, William Aberhart, the monetary system. Broadcast on radio station CKRM as programme #47 in a series entitled Canadians, It's Time You Knew. 10 minutes. Tape 5. Re-recorded on PAC tape 1038 track 2.

Winter 1961-1962

Talk by R.J. Trotter, Vice-President and General Secretary of the Saskatchewan Social Credit League, about social credit and labour, the N.D.P., labour movements, labour legislation in Alberta and British Columbia, the 1961 National Social Credit Convention, resolutions concerning labour and management, R.N. Thompson. Broadcast on radio station CKRM as programme #48 in a series entitled Canadians, It's Time You Knew. 8 minutes 45 seconds. Tape 6. Re-recorded on PAC tape 1038 track 2.

1962

Radio spots (18) for the Social Credit Party, read by unidentified speaker, about taxation natural resources, social credit, the monetary system, unemployment, senior citizens, William Aberhart. 21 minutes. Tape 7. Re-recorded on PAC tape 1038 track 2.

2 April 1964

Talk by Alec B. Patterson, M.P. for Fraser Valley, B.C., introduced by Fred Watson, broadcaster, about the history of money, modern banking system, debt, social credit (incomplete). 9 minutes. Tape 8. Re-recorded on PAC tape 1038 track 2.