

A tax plan affording such eminent advantages could not however be carried through without a measure of compromise on the part of the provinces. Each province would have its own tax act and would exercise control over its own rates of taxation. The several provinces, however, would be required to adopt uniform corporation and personal income tax acts modelled on the Dominion act, and to authorize collections to be made by the Department of National Revenue. Provincial succession duty acts would also be uniform.

Prior to the 1942 tax agreements, the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island had personal income tax acts in force based on the Dominion Income War Tax Act, and the taxpayer made but one return to the Department of National Revenue. This method of centralized collection of provincial personal income taxes with separate uniform acts and different rates was tested successfully. We propose therefore that all provinces re-establish personal income taxes on this basis.

The Ontario Government's proposal that there be uniform succession duty acts in all provinces would eliminate certain anomalies and injustices which have resulted from multiple taxation imposed under two or more different succession duty acts. Even under a uniform act, the application of succession duties must take into account variations in the local laws of each province relating to property and personal rights under land, inheritance, marital and other laws. Moreover, over the course of several decades the provincial governments have developed highly experienced and efficient administrative staffs for the collection of succession duties. The Government of Ontario, therefore, considers it desirable that the collection of succession duties continue to be carried out by the ministers and administrative personnel of the provinces.

The succession duty plan proposed by Ontario will have all the advantages derived from simplification. A single return would be made to the government of the province in which the deceased was domiciled. The succession duty administrative department of such province would assess the entire estate regardless of the situs of any property, and in doing so would apply the rates of any other province to property situated