

for each of the calendar years 1954, 1955 and 1956; we suggest that an agreement to be arrived at between Ottawa and Quebec should be for the same period.

The Quebec Government wishes earnestly to reach an amicable settlement of this problem, and we express the hope that the above-mentioned provincial proposals will be favourably received by the federal authorities.

As I wrote you on October 11th, "if you decide to call a Canadian intergovernmental conference at Ottawa, we will be happy to attend and we will not hesitate to defer our parliamentary work should this conference take place during the session of our legislature".

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) M. L. DUPLESSIS

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Translation

Office of the Prime Minister
Canada

Ottawa, November 5th, 1954.

The Honourable Maurice L. Duplessis, Q.C.,
LL.D.,
Premier of the Province of Quebec,
Parliament Buildings,
Quebec, Que.

Dear Mr. Duplessis:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of Wednesday November 3rd concerning your letter received the day before, I wish to inform you that I am having statistics compiled by our officials of the Department of Finance, with a view to determining what would result, as regards deductions, from the fact that, to establish the taxable income under the Federal Act and your own Act, the amount of such taxable income would be, for all single taxpayers, \$500.00 less under the Quebec Act than the Federal Act and, for all married taxpayers, \$1,000.00 less.

Possibly, your officers have already prepared compilations to that effect, and if such were the case, it might be a good thing if we were to agree to their contacting ours, so as to prevent the possibility of misunderstanding which would affect the governing rules to be applied in order to eliminate double taxation.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) LOUIS S. ST. LAURENT

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Office of the Premier
Province of Quebec

Quebec, November 10, 1954.

Right Honourable Louis S. St-Laurent, P.C.,
Q.C., LL.D.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. St-Laurent,

I reply as soon as possible to your letter dated November 5th and which was delivered to my office the day before yesterday.

We would be pleased to supply the particulars mentioned in your letter with respect to the effect of the said deductions.

Our Minister of Finance, the Honourable Mr. Gagnon, is presently taking a few days' holiday. If the officers of the Federal Department of Finance, who are compiling the statistical tables to which you refer in your letter, wish to get in touch with my executive assistant, Mr. Emile Tourigny, Q.C., and indicate to him the exact information they wish to obtain concerning the provincial exemptions, the reply will be forwarded with all possible dispatch.

Kindly accept, Mr. Prime Minister, my best regards.

(Sgd.) M. L. DUPLESSIS

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Office of the Prime Minister
Canada

Ottawa, November 12, 1954.

The Honourable Maurice L. Duplessis, Q.C.,
LL.D.,
Premier of the Province of Quebec,
Parliament Buildings,
Quebec, Que.

Dear Mr. Duplessis:

I received this morning your letter of November 10th, which is in reply to mine of the 5th.

I am advising my colleague, the Minister of Finance, of the substance of your letter in order that the officers of his Department may communicate with Mr. Tourigny, should the occasion arise.

With kind regards,

(Sgd.) LOUIS S. ST. LAURENT