

The Committee believes adoption of its recommendations on the taxation of capital gains, on incentives for extractive industries, for the growth of small business and for a reduction in the weight of estate taxes would remove the chief causes of concern that the White Paper proposals would adversely affect Canada's rate of economic growth. At the same time it believes its recommendations achieve the substantial improvement in equity over the present income tax system which is desired by all Canadians.

It will also have been noted that the Committee has sought in its recommendations to remove from the transitional period possible retroactive effects of proposals. This will confirm the intent of the White Paper itself that investors in Canada, whether resident or non-resident, can look forward with continued confidence that Canada can be depended on to treat fairly those who rely upon her laws.

Your Committee wishes to extend its thanks to all members of the public who have participated in this study of tax reform, and to the staff and expert advisers who have assisted the Committee in its work.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 12, 13, 16, 18, 25, 28, 30 to 33 inclusive, 35, 37 to 41 inclusive, 43 and 45 to 93 inclusive*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 104 to the Journals*).