

APPENDIX

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING REDUCTION OF PROVINCIAL INCOME TAX

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Office of the Premier
Province of Quebec

Quebec, October 11, 1954.

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

My dear Prime Minister:

Since our pleasant meeting last Tuesday in Montreal, my colleagues and I, with particular attention and with the sincere desire of co-operating to the fullest reasonable extent in its solution, have studied the important fiscal problem which was the subject of our interview.

Our legislative assembly opens in a few weeks, on November 17. I need hardly mention the vast additional amount of work involved in its preparation. Moreover, I am leaving this week on a vacation of about ten days' duration, the first I have taken in over a year.

Under the circumstances, even with the best of intentions, it is physically impossible before my departure to obtain and study the statistics which form the basis of the subject. At the earliest possible moment I will write you again on my return.

Nevertheless, I wish to mention here that, if you decide to call a Canadian inter-governmental 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.

With my sincere regards,

(Sgd.) M. L. DUPLESSIS

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Office of the Prime Minister
Canada

Ottawa, October 15, 1954.

The Honourable M. L. Duplessis,
Premier of the Province of Quebec,
Parliament Buildings,
Quebec, Que.

My dear Premier:

I have received your letter of October 11th and I understand that, under the circumstances, it has not been possible for you to send me the information which, at our meeting of October 5 concerning your suggested amendments to your income tax act, we had agreed you would forward to me.