

THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING

MONTREAL

THE RECOMMENDATION

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce expresses disappointment and concern that the Federal Budget as now before Parliament, while adding to the already heavy burden of taxation, does not indicate that economies have been adopted to the degree necessary to meet the present serious conditions and respectfully suggests that those economies already proposed be further extended to permit of the national Budget being balanced at the earliest possible date.

The Chamber does not presume to suggest in detail how such Governmental economies should be effected but it does venture to point out that Canada is a much over-governed country and the Chamber desires to assure the Government that it would heartily endorse further drastic reductions and rearrangements of the public service.

The Chamber further respectfully points out that since those engaged in commerce, industry, finance and the public generally have been required to economize and to develop efficiency to an unprecedented degree, it behooves the Federal Government to apply the same principles in the conduct of the country's business.

To sum up, the Canadian Chamber realizes that it is the duty of each citizen to be personally concerned about the state of the national finances and to assist the Government in its efforts toward economy by assuring it of the support of the general body of citizens to that end; and further the Canadian Chamber believes that informed public opinion requires that prevailing conditions should be met by the Government taking the necessary steps now in reducing expenditures, however drastic they may be, and that action should not be deferred.

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The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, April 6th, 1933.