

The Premiers and Ministers attending the Provincial Constitutional Conference from British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan met today to discuss the proposed "Federal White Paper on Taxation".

It was agreed that while some provisions of the paper were desirable, the overall impact of the document would be completely unacceptable to the three Western Provinces.

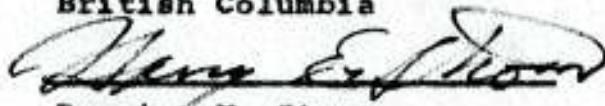
The three Western Premiers welcomed the increased exemptions for those in the low income groups.

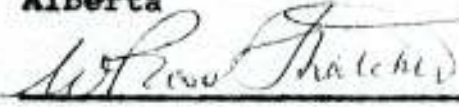
However the tax increases proposed to those in the middle income category, the measures that will seriously affect the expansion of small business and resource industries, the discouragement of incentives and investment capital can only be deplored.

The three Western Premiers contended that the White Paper in its present form would promote unemployment, and hurt the economy of Western Canada generally.

Signed

  
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