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First page of a handwritten radio script regarding 'the recent Premiers' Conference',
government underspending on social services and comments by Stewart Cockburn.

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