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**PREMIER CAMPBELL AND PREMIER CHAREST PURSUE NEW ERA
OF CONSTRUCTIVE FEDERALISM**

NORTH HATLEY – Mr. Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia, and Mr. Jean Charest, Premier of Québec, agreed to meet annually.

The relations between Québec and British Columbia are very important and are bound to develop in the years to come. The two premiers have decided to hold a meeting on an annual basis, alternating between Québec and British Columbia. “It is essential that our two governments take advantage of exchanges and common experiences. That is why we have decided to meet once a year to discuss matters that concern our two provinces,” stated Mr. Charest and Mr. Campbell.

The two premiers met today in North Hatley in preparation of the 44th Premier’s Conference that will be held in Charlottetown. They discussed issues including health care, fiscal unbalance, softwood lumber, trade and environment. They agreed that it’s time for a new era of constructive federalism in Canada, and they will be advancing this agenda in Charlottetown.

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