The Federal Government Targets Shareholders of Private. Taxation of private corporations and their shareholders. Responsibility: Howard J. Kellough, Peter E. McQuillan. Edition: 2nd ed. Imprint: Toronto: Canadian Tax Foundation. 2017. Proposed changes to tax rules represent a major policy shift in the taxation of private corporations and their shareholders. In the last few years, there has been a series of tax changes that, together, amount to a potentially fundamental shift in the way private corporations and their owners are taxed in Canada. The Federal Government targets shareholders of private corporations. On July 18, 2017, the federal government of Canada introduced draft legislative proposals impacting private corporations and their shareholders. If implemented, the Proposed Tax Changes will negatively impact the way private corporations and their shareholders are taxed in Canada.