

1 other of the official languages, you should be entitled,  
2 wherever you are in Canada -- if there are enough people to  
3 warrant it -- to education in your own official language.

4 The more difficult question is the one relating  
5 to people of third languages.

6 Would you have, in the Constitution itself, the  
7 right to full freedom of choice?

8 In practice--in all of the other Provinces  
9 except Quebec--this means choosing the English language  
10 school. It has always meant that--in a way.

11 For the French Canadians, and for the people in  
12 Quebec in particular, what it has meant, in effect, has  
13 been that the immigrants have tended to integrate over-  
14 whelmingly with the English-speaking system -- school  
15 system.

16 Our position and our objective, as a Federal Govern-  
17 ment, is full freedom of choice. But we have to recognize  
18 that there was, and still is, a very serious feeling of being  
19 threatened, as a community inside Quebec, by the fact that  
20 the immigration would so overwhelmingly integrate with  
21 the English speaking minority and, due to the very serious  
22 decline in the birth rate in Quebec among French speaking  
23 Canadians, for instance, there has been a very great  
24 concern expressed that, over the decades, the French --  
25 even in Quebec -- would find themselves suddenly going from