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As the same governments are in power in all six provinces which concurred in the proposal to amend the British North America Act it may be assumed that their concurrence still stands.

The resolution of the Alberta Legislature merely opposed amendment "at the present time". It is conceivable that an appeal based on the changed circumstances of war-time might meet with a more favourable response.

The resolution of the New Brunswick Legislature suggested deferring the matter until the report of the Sirois Commission was being considered. It might be argued that the war would certainly delay the consideration of the report, and that the need of preparing for post-war conditions was urgent.

The political situation in Quebec has changed completely. Certain utterances by Mr. Godbout during the recent election campaign would suggest that a different response might now be forthcoming from that province.

It would, presumably, not be possible to enact legislation, under war-time authority, which would