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to the claims made on behalf of the Maritime Provinces, the Prime Minister expressed the wish of the Government "to remove this great question as largely as possible from the arena of sectional discord and party strife, and a desire to give to our Dominion in the sixtieth year of its founding, a renewed expression of the spirit which animated the fathers of Confederation in their efforts to construct out of British North America a federal union under a system of Government devised to protect the diversified interests of the several provinces and secure efficiency, harmony and permanency in the working of the union."

The Pledge of Liberalism has been kept - The
Promise Has been Exceeded.

The record of legislation passed for the Maritime Provinces in the last three years by the Mackenzie King administration is without parallel in the history of Canada.

Money Grants to the Provinces.

It was recommended by the Duncan Commission that the Dominion Government should give immediate consideration to the whole of this subject with a view to a complete revision of the financial arrangements between the Government and the Maritime Provinces and "That immediate interim lump sum increases should be made in payments to the three Maritime provinces as follows:

Nova Scotia	-	\$875,000.
New Brunswick	-	\$600,000.
Prince Edward Island	-	\$125,000.

and "that these interim payments should be continued until the Dominion Government has had time to complete its investigation and reassessment."

In the session of 1926-27 legislation was passed providing for these payments, and such provision has been continued in subsequent years. The investigation and reassessment, recommended by the Duncan Commission is now being carried on by