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The basic problem of the coming dominion-provincial conference will be the creation of a workable basis for the co-operation of the provinces with the dominion in the fields of economic reconstruction and social security after the war. Within or associated with that basic problem are a host of other practical problems, the unscrambling of federal economic controls after the war, the re-adjustment of the division of taxes, division of responsibility in certain new fields of legislation, the degree of federal financial assistance to be given provincial and municipal works projects, the degree of provincial co-operation to be accorded in the planning and timing of such works.

When the representatives of the 10 governments meet in Ottawa they will as in the past find themselves constrained to discuss all these matters with an eye on Canada's strange and somewhat nebulous constitution which allocates certain powers to provincial legislatures, certain to the parliament of Canada, and leaves interpretation to the courts and fundamental constitutional changes to the British parliament.