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References in Parliament in 1939

In reply to a question in Parliament asked by Mr. T. L. Church (Broadview), the late Honourable Norman McL. Rogers, then Minister of Labour, said:

"It was stated at the opening of this session that the government were prepared to introduce legislation providing for a national scheme of unemployment when it was possible to proceed with the constitutional amendment. Three provinces have declined as yet to give consent to proceed with the constitutional amendment. When that consent has been obtained and we can proceed with the constitutional amendment, the legislation will be introduced."

Correspondence with the provincial Premiers, 1940

Because the character of the provincial governments, which in 1937 agreed to support a constitutional amendment making possible a system of national unemployment insurance, had not changed, the Prime Minister assumed that their assurance on this subject stood, and he accordingly addressed letters of enquiry to the Premiers of New Brunswick, Quebec and Alberta.