

1 MR. TATU: But you have different Provinces,  
2 with very small populations, or big populations, and the  
3 needs for autonomy are different. Even, I understand,  
4 Quebec would need, anyway, more autonomy than other  
5 Provinces.

6 How can you make a Constitution which will apply  
7 to all Provinces if you want to keep the general system?

8 MINISTER LALONDE: At the present time, all  
9 Provinces have roughly the same powers; and those powers  
10 are very big. Some Provinces are exercising their powers  
11 more than others; and it is true that there is a large  
12 difference between the various Provinces.

13 Again, I don't think the solution is in terms  
14 of having Provinces with very different powers -- one from  
15 the other. I don't think the Federal System can work on  
16 that basis.

17 What we could look at -- and this has been working  
18 in some areas -- there have been possibilities where some  
19 Provinces have decided, as I said, to exercise more of  
20 the powers than others, although they all have the same  
21 powers in principle.

22 I take the example of Securities regulation, for  
23 instance. In Canada, at the present time, you could  
24 say there are probably three Provinces that are really  
25 regulating the Securities Exchange. And one that is really  
the leader is the Province of Ontario, with the largest