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federal government must assume, must continue to assume, and must perhaps seek to assume, as its responsibility? There was nothing. There was only a compromise solution to the division of the tax pot, and even that was a temporary arrangement. The conference will be resumed at the end of March when the provinces and the federal government will have another go.

This is not going to be enough, and it is not satisfactory. This will produce no long-range solution to the essential problems of Canada, which are this sense of fragmentation and regionalism. There needs to be held a dominion-provincial conference to deal with matters other than financial matters. There needs to be held a dominion-provincial conference at which the governments of Canada, federal and provincial, will confront realistically the issues which tend to divide us; and as the responsible authorities in their respective fields, the responsible political leaders of the nation, seek to evolve solutions to those problems, this is how we will advance.

I contend that a royal commission at this time is not adequate to our purpose. It can perhaps secure from government, private organizations and individuals a cross-section of opinion, but what are required are those governmental representatives of the people who clearly understand what it is with which they have been charged in their respective fields, who can express their understanding of their responsibilities, expose the weak-

nesses of their positions, and thereby highlight the very causes of division. This, Mr. Speaker, I believe the government must do. I do not think the government of the day can afford to wait for a report from a royal commission. I feel that as the government is meeting provincial premiers at the end of this coming month the task must begin right there. It is there that the first steps will be taken to draw together those responsible for our governmental leadership in every region of the country, laying the groundwork for the future planning of the survival of this nation.

Mr. Speaker, will you call it six o'clock?

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**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the house leader a question somewhat easier to answer than some which he has had to approach this week, and correspondingly I would expect a shorter and clearer answer than some he has given during the course of the week. With regard to the business of the house, are we right in assuming that we will conclude this particular debate on Monday, and that on Tuesday we will commence with the resolution referring to the Columbia treaty?

**Mr. Favreau:** I will be very clear, Mr. Speaker: the assumption is right.

It being two minutes after six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

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