

*Ontario.*—"Province of Ontario does not desire to make any representation before your committee *re* British North America Act amendment, as no good purpose will be served by attempting to advise Dominion Government at this time. Signed by A. W. Roebuck, Attorney-General."

*Manitoba.*—"With further reference to your telegram of the 27th March to the Attorney-General and to his reply of the 5th instant, the government have now had an opportunity of giving consideration to the suggestion that it should make a written submission regarding the subject matter that is before your committee.

"The government of Manitoba is of the opinion that the subject matter referred to in the resolution is one of such importance that no written submission, setting out our views in reference to it, should be made without a conference with the other provinces and the Dominion Government. We would be willing to attend such a conference at any time, with a view to arriving at a definite method of procedure for making amendments to the British North America Act. Signed by John Bracken."

*Saskatchewan.*—"Referring to your telegram of the 27th day of March wherein you request the government of the province to make representations either orally or by written memoranda as to the methods of procedure which this province would suggest in connection with amendments to the Canadian constitution, I would say that I have been following with intense interest the proceedings of your committee. The question of what, if any, provision is to be made for amendment of the Canadian constitution from time to time is a question which ultimately must be decided by conferences between the governments of the provinces and the government of Canada with the possibility of a previous preliminary inter-provincial conference. In view of this fact it would appear to be unwise for the provinces to be giving their views before a committee of the House of Commons. With due deference, might I be permitted to suggest that the proper procedure is for your committee to pursue its present inquiry and to make a report to the House of Commons, which I presume will either be accepted or amended or merely received without binding the government to accept the proposals of the committee and with this report available the provinces could then give consideration as to what attitude they desired to take and perhaps discuss the matter amongst themselves and thereafter join with the Federal government in a general conference. The report of your committee would serve as a basis of discussion around which would take place the ultimate solution of this problem. We realize that the question is one of great national importance and should be decided in the welfare of Canada free of all political considerations, and we are certainly prepared to do our share towards the facilitating of a solution, but we feel that we must look after the interests of the province and think that the procedure I have outlined would be the proper course for us to adopt at this time. Signed by T. C. Davis, Attorney-General."

*Alberta.*—"Re amendment British North America Act. Alberta Government appreciates desire of committee to have views of all provinces before it on this very vital question but considers approach to question should be through interchange of views at inter-provincial conference. Signed by Mr. Lymburn."

*British Columbia.*—"Reference your wire twenty-seventh to Attorney-General requesting written submission from the government of this province to your committee it is the opinion of the government that amendment of the constitution is too important a matter to be dealt