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References in Parliament, 1938

On June 6th, 1938, the Prime Minister was asked in the House of Commons whether it was the intention of the government to proceed with the legislation on unemployment insurance which was contemplated in the Speech from the Throne. The Prime Minister replied:

....."it is not the intention of this government to seek to coerce the provinces with respect to any legislative measure which is in the nature of a social service measure. Our aim rather is to be helpful and to further if we can mutual interest. We do not want to appear, let alone in reality, to seek in any way to coerce any province of the Dominion. It would look at the moment as though it will not be possible to get that co-operation with respect to unemployment insurance before the present session comes to a close, but if it should be obtained the measure will be introduced."