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down, let's have a look at the type of constitution we've had . . . and let's see if we can come up with something better.

Mr. André of Calgary felt the adjustment of powers might move in both directions, but he had some specific ideas for the flow west.

I believe it would be acceptable . . . in my part of the country for . . . some powers to transfer from the provincial back to the federal government... But on some pretty important issues right now-energy, the resources issues, [which are] the most important to my province—very definitely, the provinces will be seeking more authority, more power.

The four participants each ventured an estimation of the chances that a constitution could be written that would satisfy all Canadians.

Ms. Bissonnette guessed twenty-five per cent while Mr. André said sixty-five per cent. Mr. Scowen and Mr. Fox were very positive, both guessing one hundred per cent.

National Public Radio

On the National Public Radio network, Josh Darsa gave a wellrounded report on Quebec and the rest of Canada in an hourlong program entitled L'Identité Canadienne.

He spent three weeks in Quebec and Ontario just before the referendum and talked to

scores of people.

The question posed at the start of the program was, Why is Canada having difficulties after more than a century of trying to establish its nationhood and identity?

Darsa's conclusion was that the key to understanding the situation [lies with] another society, another people.

After a suitably dramatic pause, he revealed the other people to be Americans.

His thesis was that modern Canada (both French- and