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1 since we have the 100-mile limit. I don't know, frankly,  
2 how they would manage! They are very concerned that  
3 it would be-- not like Alaska--but like Bangladesh! So they  
4 are very opposed to any such development.

5 But, again, I think we are looking at very dark  
6 scenarios; and we seem to be painting the worst possible  
7 picture. I don't see it.

8 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: If we keep that picture,  
9 could they, possibly, go with Quebec?

10 MINISTER LALONDE: No! At best, a small part of  
11 New Brunswick could go with Quebec, which is: about half of  
12 it, which is Acadia--where the Acadians are--which is a  
13 French speaking population. But all of the rest is English  
14 speaking. They would not go with Quebec. Definitely not!

15 I think they would go with Maine before going  
16 with Quebec.

17 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Is that a possibility?

18 MINISTER LALONDE: Not a serious one. I don't  
19 think so. Again, unless Maine were to strike oil and  
20 agree to share it with the Maritimes. I don't see this as  
21 any great likelihood. I think they have a long tradition  
22 of being Canadians. I don't think they would receive very  
23 substantial economic advantages in doing this.

24 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: In the case of Separatism,  
25 what would the French community do inside of the English