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1 and similarity, in that respect: that the job was created--  
 2 when the Confederation started-to see to it that the new  
 3 regime would be implemented in a reasonably smooth way.  
 4 And things went so smoothly that, after two years, they  
 5 could dispense with the Minister of Federal Provincial  
 6 Relations!

7 I think my appointment, at the present time, relates  
 8 to the fact that not only the whole area of Federal  
 9 Provincial Relations has increased tremendously in the  
 10 last fifteen years--in terms of day-to-day relationships  
 11 between the Governments--but, also, to the fact, really, of the  
 12 crisis that Canada is going through at the present time--in  
 13 terms of its unity and the necessity to review, fundamentally,  
 14 our Constitutional arrangements.

15 We have, probably, one of the oldest Federal  
 16 Constitutions in the world; at the present time in Canada.  
 17 It has not been touched very substantially over the last  
 18 110 years and I think, after that length of time, it could  
 19 be quite understandable that / <sup>that</sup> would be time to have a  
 20 very good look at it and, maybe, have a new one;

21 "Try something new"!

22 MR. DUKE: But you do refer to the "crisis" which  
 23 Canada is going through and, in that connection; what do you  
 24 see as your principal goal?

25 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, the first goal is to