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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PROVINCES \*

Reasons for consulting the provinces

The decision of the Privy Council that legislative jurisdiction in the matter of unemployment insurance was a provincial function made it necessary for the Federal government either:

- (1) to leave the matter to the provinces; or
- (2) to seek to proceed by concurrent legislation; or
- (3) to seek an amendment to the British North America Act to give the necessary legislative competence to Parliament.

\* See also Historical Survey from November 5, 1937.