

Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett (continued),  
April 16th, 1934.

that they desire to conduct their own relief measures in their  
own way, and they have done so. ....

There could be no national commission administering relief in  
Canada unless all the provinces were agreed. And the provinces,  
I repeat, have not agreed, although we were willing to undertake  
the responsibility. There were some provinces that were anxious  
that we should, but unless all were agreed, it was impossible.  
And the right hon. gentleman found at conferences he held in this  
city with the provinces to bring about amendments to the British  
North America Act that he could not and did not succeed. Where in  
quiet times it was impossible to succeed I suggest that in time of  
great depression no one would undertake to bring a contentious  
matter such as that into the realm of discussion with respect to  
matters of relief.

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