

making possible a freer discussion of all issues on their merits. Positions taken in open discussions are, as is well known, often difficult to change, ^{though} in the light of circumstances, ^{change may be advisable.}

Modifications of Dominion proposals
~~All formal submissions made by the provinces to the Co-ordinating Committee have been made public.~~

A number of revisions and modifications of the Dominion proposals have, in the light of ~~the~~ discussions, been made at the meetings of the Co-ordinating Committee. In the Committee, the Dominion has sought to clarify its proposals as fully as possible, and to answer as completely as possible ~~the~~ questions raised by the provincial governments. The Dominion government welcomes this opportunity to present, in summarized form, the complete Dominion proposals as they now stand.

Here I might point out that the fact that the Dominion has from time to time modified its proposals is in itself evidence of its desire to meet, as far as possible, the difficulties with which some of the provinces are faced, and its readiness to go as far as possible to reach a basis of agreement which ^{will} ~~would~~ be at once fair and satisfactory ~~to all.~~ ^{to the provinces and the Dominion alike.}