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of which, amongst other advantages, would be to reduce the burden of unemployment relief now resting on the provinces.

As it is our desire to be in a position to take the necessary steps to proceed with unemployment insurance legislation at the forthcoming Session of Parliament, may I express the hope that, in the circumstances, the government of Quebec will be agreeable to the necessary amendment to the British North America Act being sought forthwith.

It is our belief that a national system of unemployment insurance, established at the present time, is necessary to enable Canada to meet effectively some of the industrial problems which will face our country at or before the close of hostilities. We earnestly hope we may have the co-operation of the government of Quebec to that important national end.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. Mackenzie King