

1 of creating a snowball effect on other large institutions.

2 So we did intervene, in that case, to show to the
3 business community that, first of all, this is not the type
4 of decision that we felt was appropriate; or one that had
5 the support of the Federal government and, while we could
6 not prevent it, if they decided to go ahead with it,
7 we wanted the business community to realize, quite clearly,
8 that this is not the type of development we find
9 conducive to positive developments in terms of Canadian
10 unity. Therefore, we have not reversed the decision
11 of Sun Life. They have decided to move their Headquarters
12 to Toronto, subject to approbation by a shareholders'
13 meeting, or a policy holders' meeting, later on in the next
14 month or two. But they have, however, decided to delay
15 the transfer of their staff for at least two years -- at
16 least two -- and they have indicated that they might--
17 -- the bulk of, a large majority of their personnel, would
18 stay in Montreal.

19 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Is it your point -- if
20 I may just follow up on that -- that the Government of
21 Canada, in this matter, is trying to demonstrate -- and
22 maybe succeed in showing the people of Quebec -- that it
23 can be more effective in dealing with the business community
24 than the Government of Quebec could be?

25 MINISTER LALONDE: That is what the people of