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and Victoria have vigorously criticized Mr. Pattullo's attitude and there seems every prospect that the Conservatives might profit by attacking at once the lukewarm attitude of the C.C.F. to the war and Mr. Pattullo's sabotage of national unity if the Conference fails.

For the Federal Conservatives the prospect of a failure of the Conference is, in the long run, encouraging. The failure itself could be blamed on the Liberal party. A National Convention might be called to choose a leader and to endorse the Sirois Report, in order to save national unity being sacrificed by the Liberals, to achieve the maximum war effort and to lay the foundations for post-war reconstruction.

It is true the Conservatives could not hope to win Quebec, but such a programme would have a powerful appeal in every other province, especially if made by a new leader.

In Manitoba, the Conservatives are already included in the coalition pledged to work for the acceptance of the Report. The Manitoba government could hardly fail to co-operate with a party committed to the Report.

The so-called "Independent" opposition in Alberta though its rank and file is largely Liberal has Conservative leaders and is already enthusiastic in its support of the Report. In the Maritimes, the Conservatives would undoubtedly accept a policy so promising politically in the national arena, especially as there are no provincial elections pending. The implementing of the Report is economically so essential to Saskatchewan that it is hard to see how any party (even the Conservatives) committed to the Report could fail to make a wide appeal. The prospect of immediate successes in the provincial arena in Ontario and B.C., already mentioned, would also count in the Federal field.

It is suggested that, while the Conservatives would like to see the Conference fail, there is no danger of their assuming an attitude of opposition to the Report itself if the Conference is a success. The risk would be too great. It would be so easy to brand such opposition as an attack upon national unity and upon the war effort - a conclusion which may suggest how opposition from any quarter is likely to be regarded by ordinary people in all the English-speaking provinces.