

1 if you are the Government, then these things take time.

2 A lot of changes have taken place in the last  
3 10 years but, again, it takes time for people who are  
4 benefiting from those changes to realize them.

5 So you have a double time lag there, that you are  
6 facing, and I can only say that we have to keep pressing  
7 ahead in the hope that, on the one hand, the majority will  
8 support those changes -- as it has up to now -- and that  
9 the minority will realize that things are taking place.

10 MR. ANDERSON: Along these lines --

11 MINISTER LALONDE: Surely.

12 MR. ANDERSON: You speak of changes in the  
13 Constitutional structure.

14 What kind of changes do you have in mind?

15 What are the possibilities?

16 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, Canada at the present  
17 time is one of the most decentralized Federal Systems in  
18 the world. There is a lot of talk in Canada about the  
19 necessity of decentralizing; and further decentralization.

20 I think there is serious illusion as to how much  
21 more decentralization we can have in Canada. Like I said,  
22 if you compare the other Federal Systems in the world,  
23 ours is almost the most decentralized; I would say.

24 However, there is room for change--in several  
25 respects.