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ever thought of that, that was at a time when he was an Academic, living in an ivory tower. Now that he is in the thick of it, I don't think he would see this as a very realistic development.

Provinces finding that it would be to their advantage all around to join the United States rather than staying with the rest of Canada-in that context-but, frankly, seeing the situation in Northern Vermont and Northern Maine, I am not so sure that they would be that keen on rushing into the American bosom. I don't see it as a very likely development, assume! So it is not very easy for me to see this type of development.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Can I just put one more question?

The West Provinces seem to give, also, some thought of changing their attitude, vis-a-vis the Federal government.

Would you elaborate on that?

MINISTER LALONDE: Well, you know, there has been a growth of Regionalism in Canada over the last 20 years; and these movements have come in cycles in our history.

There is nothing new to them. Mackenzie King used to say that "some Countries have too much history, and Canada has