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We dealt with the province, and if a province has defrauded us we will get the money back. To say that the Dominion government should follow down every individual payment by a province for relief directly or otherwise, I simply say I do not believe that would be the thought of any intelligent person engaged in any business. The local authorities, the municipalities first, and then the provinces, must deal with them.

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I say to this committee very frankly that the dominion was not unwilling to assume the entire responsibility for administration and everything else in those provinces, and take it over as a dominion matter, but you have to deal with provinces who are not at the moment prepared to forego their autonomy and leave the administration of these matters in the hands of an outside authority.

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But I do say to the committee that there is not the slightest doubt in the world that unless there is a rearrangement of the powers of this parliament and the legislatures of the provinces, in the very nature of things the problem cannot be dealt with. May I say to the hon. gentleman that a commission is not necessary.

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