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Long praised for its accuracy, readability, and insight, the Canadian
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 of the year's developments in Canadian politics. In 1998, Canada came
 to terms with the aftermath of the 1997 election. While the debate in
 the election turned from the distribution of the surplus to the abiding
 question of national unity, the return of the Liberal government seemed
 to quiet both. Regarding the latter, however, the Supreme Court
 advised that neither Canadian nor international law conferred on
 Quebec the right to secede unilaterally from Canada unless a clear
 majority in Quebec opted for separation in a referendum with a clear
 question. The conservative vote splitting that occurred in the 1997
 election led Reform Party leader Preston Manning to try to convince his
 party of the need for a 'united alternative' in 1998, but the election of
 former Prime Minister Joe Clark as Tory leader raised a difficult hurdle
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