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Ottawa, January 22nd, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re: Act to supercede The Unemployment Relief and Assistance Act of 1936.

Last year the Resolution preceding the above Bill was introduced on March the 19th. The Bill itself was given first reading on March the 24th. It was not debated, however, until April the 8th; it received third reading on April the 22nd, and Royal Assent only on May the 7th. The old Act had expired on March the 31st.

When in Opposition you took very strong exception to the government allowing a period of time to intervene between the lapse of the old Relief legislation and the coming into force of the new. Last year there were exceptional reasons why it was impossible to bring down the Relief legislation earlier. Would it not be desirable, this year, to have the new legislation introduced earlier?

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