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## HULL AS PART OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

The Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, Mr. Jean Marchand, announced on May 29 certain initial measures that the Government had accepted as part of the long-range plans for developing the national capital region.

In a statement to the House of Commons, Mr. Marchand said that the Government proposed to "direct about 25 per cent of its new accommodation construction to the core of Hull in the years ahead".

The Minister's statement follows:

...I believe it is of interest to all Canadians that in recent months the National Capital Commission has put before the Government certain recommendations to guide the long-range development of Canada's capital region. While study is still in progress with regard to many aspects of this important work, the Government has accepted certain measures within the long-range conception which I would like to announce at this time.

The area of consideration which has received the most urgent attention is development of central Hull. Improvement of this area, which is in the Quebec portion of the national capital region, about a mile from these Parliament Buildings, opens an important new phase in the progress of Canada's capital region. This is essential if our capital region is to grow as the focus of Canadian identity and a symbol of which all Canadians can be proud.

The Government will accelerate achievement of this goal by developing Hull into a major government employment centre. Apart from the construction of several buildings, which are already programmed as established needs, the Government undertakes to provide assistance in the construction of infra-

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structural works as an essential prerequisite to large-scale development that can be expected over the next 25 years.

This federal assistance is part of a wider development programme under which action will be taken to eliminate air and water pollution throughout the whole capital region.

All of this will involve the Federal Government co-operating with other levels of government in renewing sewer, water and transportation systems necessary to make the capital core an integrated metropolitan area on both sides of the Ottawa River.

### THE ROLE OF THE CAPITAL

Before I deal more specifically with the decisions taken, I wish to emphasize the underlying objectives. It is our firm belief that the capital of a country has an indispensable role to perform which sets it quite apart from other metropolitan areas. This is doubly true in a federal state such as Canada, where patriotism has the strongest of roots in diverse regions and cultures. The substance of Canadian identity is in its wide variety of historic ties. A true devotion to Canada is difficult to conceive without the strong loyalties, which are everywhere apparent, to the