

Opposite the Bank, on the north side of Wellington Street, are the Confederation and Justice buildings of the Dominion Government - two fine structures which have been completed within the last few years; and, to the west and north of these buildings lies the property which is expected to be the scene of major development in the Dominion Government's building programme, as ^{its} these plans are gradually put into effect. I am glad that the district is to be beautified and improved by the Bank of Canada's head office, and that care has been taken to centre it on the axis of the space between the buildings opposite. Thus, at some future date, passers-by on the Mall, which is to be extended west from Parliament Hill behind the new departmental buildings, will be able to see this building in the proper perspective.

a federal thoroughfare of national importance and international prominence

It is not, I think, generally recognized how great a debt we, of this generation, owe to the early planning of Ottawa when it was still Bytown, by Colonel By, from whom the town derived its name. In those early days, by the construction of Wellington Street and Sussex Street in the position in which they have ever since remained, not only was the space between these streets and the Ottawa River set apart, as it were, from the remainder of the city, but a great thoroughfare was thereby