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DEVELOPMENT OF WELLINGTON STREET

Extract from Holt Report, 1913, pages 107 - 111.

"Expansion to the south is out of the question on account of the high value of property and interference with long established business. This reaches its highest development on Sparks Street, between Bank Street and the Rideau Canal. It must, therefore, take place to the west, along the Ottawa River and between it and Wellington Street, and thence across Wellington Street at Lyon Street, to the bluff between Lyon Street and Bronson Avenue."

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"West of the present west block and north of Wellington Street, on the property recently acquired by the Government, could be placed the beginnings of the new Departmental Buildings of which the Government stands so badly in need. This area extends west beyond Bay Street. These new buildings should be kept 150 feet west of the West Block. Their face should extend parallel to Wellington Street, on a line with the south front of the West Block. The axes of Bank Street, Kent Street, Lyon Street and Bay Street must be carried through to the river in order to leave openings between the various blocks at least as wide as the streets named. The river front of the buildings would follow roughly the building contour of the bank.

The separation of groups of buildings, either by intervening streets, or on account of topographical conditions, does not render the scheme of expansion in any way objectionable. The various groups would be assigned to departments independent of each other, and not requiring immediate and direct connection.

The various subdivisions of the entire composition are connected, not only by Wellington Street and Sussex Street, but also by a succession of courtyards, walks and drives.

The Government must, by legislation or arrangement, obtain sufficient control to regulate the character of the new

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