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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re By-elections

The following vacancies exist at the present time in the House of Commons, all in constituencies formerly having been held by Liberals:

Kent, Ontario, (Dr. Rutherford)

Jacques Cartier, Quebec, (J. L. V. Mallette)

Saskatoon City, (Dr. A. MacG. Young)

St. James, (Hon. Fernand Rinfret)

Bonaventure (P. E. Cote)

Drummond-Arthabaska (Wilfrid Girouard)

In a letter to the Kent Liberal Association, the Prime Minister promised that the Constituency of Kent would be represented in the forthcoming session of Parliament.

The warrants have been issued with respect to the last two-named vacancies, which means that the by-elections must take place within six months, that is before April 12, 1940, in Bonaventure and Drummond-Arthabaska.

The other vacancies have not yet been notified to the Speaker. There is no rule which says that they must be before a certain time, but the minimum time which can elapse after they are notified, and before an election is held, is, roughly, seven weeks. All six by-elections then could, if it is so desired, be held before Christmas. If the writs were issued this week, the by-elections could be held on December the 11th.

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