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It was part of the original negotiation that the Customs & Excise Department should also rent five floors of the building on the terms and for a time which was agreed upon, and provision for such renting was to be made by Order-in-Council, and an Order-in-Council to give effect to such arrangement was actually prepared on the 3rd of September, 1925, but, not having been passed at the request of the Government, an extension of time to complete the purchase up to the 28th of September was asked for and was granted, it being expected that before that date the last mentioned Order-in-Council would be passed. This Order-in-Council was not passed during the year 1925, and, from time to time, at the request of the Government, extensions of the time for completing the purchase were applied for and were granted, The last written extension fixed the time for completion at the 30th of December, 1925, because it was intended to have a Session of Parliament in the month of November, when the Government expected to be able to pass the necessary Order-in-Council to make the contract completely effective.

On the 29th of December, 1925, the Order-in-Council providing for the leasing of five floors by the Customs & Excise Department not having been passed, and the House not having met, at the suggestion of the Government a further extension of time for completion was applied for.

Finally, the Order-in-Council providing for the leasing

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