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We must look ahead to the Capital of Canada as Canadians will wish to know it, and have it known, not merely in 1967 when Canada will be 100 years old, but in the twenty-first century, and the centuries to follow on. If we were planning only for the centenary of Confederation, what is now being proposed is I believe wholly inadequate. We are proposing that the outlays necessary to meet present improvements as planned shall extend over the greater part of the period between the present and the 100th anniversary of Confederation.

As to how this expenditure will be viewed by those who have to meet it can best be answered by comparing the view we today take of the expenditures made during the past 25 years by the Improvement Commission, and how we would today view an additional expenditure spread over the past 25 years which would have given us possession at the present time of all the property immediately fronting on Parliament Hill, and along the banks of the Ottawa and Rideau rivers on both sides, and a fine approach to Parliament Hill from Metcalfe Street. The citizens of Canada for all time to come will be grateful

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