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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

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Governor General's Warrants

1. Prime Minister's Statement (December 13, 1926) criticizing use of by Mr. Meighen's administration.
(Revised Hansard, p. 47)

Exhibit 1, attached.

explains that colleagues and himself took view, "that the whole proceedings by that Ministry from beginning to close were unconstitutional...having no authority from Parliament and no authority from the country...."

2. Use by Liberal Government after return to power.
Statement by Minister of Finance in Budget Address
(February 17, 1927) Revised Hansard, p. 391)

Exhibit 2, attached

explains that on taking office Meighen administration was faced with insufficient supply (before dissolution one quarter of main estimates had been authorized by interim supply) and had recourse to issue of Governor General's Warrants (for months of July, August, September)
amounting to \$48,708,473.11

(mainly for services contained in main estimates; also covering certain services in supplementary estimates, tabled but never voted)

adds, that Mackenzie King ministry, requiring supply to provide for months of October and November (for salaries, contracts, etc.) issued warrants amounting to

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| October | \$15,612,796.74 | |
| November | \$16,350,712.97 | \$31,963,509.71 |