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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

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re. Dominion-Provincial Conference

Mr. Heeney has now received replies from all the provinces except Quebec. From these replies it is clear that the earliest time at which a conference could be held is late April.

From a federal standpoint that should be quite soon enough in view of the preparatory work required. Of course, it is still possible that Quebec will not be prepared to consider a conference until after the provincial elections. In any event, it would presumably be desirable to start preparatory work as soon as possible.

Attached is a memorandum from Mr. Claxton suggesting steps desirable in the way of organization. This was prepared in response to your direction after the receipt of Mr. Drew's letter.

The logical membership of the Cabinet Committee would seem to be:

- ~~The Minister of Union & Commerce~~
- The Minister of Justice ✓
- The Minister of Finance ✓
- The Secretary of State ✓
- The Minister of Labour ✓

and, ~~if~~ appointed by that time: ~~Ministry of Agriculture~~
The Minister of Reconstruction and
The Minister of Social Welfare.

The Cabinet Committee might itself decide who should be included in the interdepartmental committee. You suggested that the Parliamentary Assistants might be associated in some way. They might represent their Ministers in the interdepartmental committee.

February 1, 1944.

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re. Parliamentary Assistants to young conference
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Chairman of
Rally Team