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for public use and enjoyment the entire water courses and the lands immediately adjacent. Next to the ^{banks} ~~banks~~ of its rivers and canals, I should place Park areas wherever these can be acquired without too great cost. They will become invaluable as the years go by. The best of all possible investments to the Government that makes them. The money spent on their acquisition is not money wasted or consumed, it is money invested in the most profitable of ways.

In a word looking to the future development of Ottawa as the Capital of Canada, there are within the city limits three directions in which I believe Parliament would be well advised to make provision for immediate action by the ^{Federal} ~~Imperial~~ District Commission. The first, the acquisition of properties essential to the construction of Confederation Park in the heart of the City; second, the acquisition of properties on Wellington Street immediately facing Parliament Hill, and which could be leased from time to time in a manner which would serve the public interest, and in this respect I would include the widening of Metcalfe Street from Parliament Hill to the Victoria National Museum, and thirdly the acquisition of just as much land as may be possible on both sides of the Ottawa and Rideau Rivers and along the Rideau Canal. To these I believe should be added

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