

Ottawa, December 14, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:Re Press Clippings.

I received your letter of December the 8th, and the envelope of clippings.

Whenever clippings are returned by you, after reading, they are properly sorted and classified and filed. This practice has, of course, been followed with the clippings sent from Lake Wales.

Clippings of a personal and biographical nature, or relating to Mackenzie, and other similar subjects, are, as a matter of routine, sent up for file at Laurier House. In the case of specially important clippings of this category, which may be required for speech and reference purposes, duplicates are also obtained and filed at the East Block. In addition, Mr. Measures is compiling, in ring binder form, special collections of clippings relating to personal and biographical items; specially interesting comment on speeches and statements; and personal photographs.

A card index is kept in the clipping room.

I attach a list of the newspapers received in the office, showing those which are read carefully, both for news items and editorial comment, and those which are read only for editorial comment and news items local or provincial in character.

The Toronto Star, like the Ottawa papers, the Gazette, Globe and Mail, Winnipeg Free Press and others, is read fully and carefully. The reason that more clippings from the Toronto Star are not sent to you, from day to day, is that, being an evening paper, it is not received in Ottawa until the day following publication. The Gazette and Globe are available in Ottawa the same morning they appear in Montreal and Toronto. As a consequence, in order to include them in each days clippings, the current items are obtained from the Ottawa papers, the Globe and Gazette. From the Star are sent to you only those news items which have not

W.L.M. King Papers, Memoranda and Notes, 1933-1939
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