

that in doing so you are merely carrying out the provisions of the Order-in-Council of the 1st June, 1909, and if he wants the procedure there laid down changed, his proper course is to address his remonstrance to the Government and not to the Governor General's Secretary.

Sir Joseph Pope thereupon wrote a long letter raisonnée to Mr. Mulvey reviewing this whole problem. The arguments continued in an exchange of further letters with increasing acerbity, and it was agreed by both that the matter at issue should be referred respectively to the two Heads of Departments - the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, who was the Prime Minister.

Sir Joseph's letter to Mulvey, dated June 13th, read:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing copy of a communication which you have addressed to Colonel Lowther on the subject of distribution of business between this Department and your own.

To begin with, I scarcely see what the Governor General's Secretary has to do with the subject of your complaint. His duty is plain. The Order-in-Council of the 1st June, 1909, constituting the Department of External Affairs, directs that all despatches hitherto communicated to Ministers (and necessarily their enclosures) are to be sent to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The Governor General's Secretary has, therefore, no discretion in the matter. This Order-in-Council in draft form received the approval, in the first place, of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and afterwards of Mr. Murphy. The provision you take exception to (which in my opinion is essential to the success of this Department) was one of the conditions upon which I vacated the office now held by you, for the position I now hold, and is the ground work of my Department.

There remain to be considered the adjustment of functions between this Department and yours. I agree with you as to the desirability of having this matter definitely settled. I never really discussed the subject either with Sir Wilfrid Laurier