

Department of External Affairs and the Secretary of State of Canada. While both, of course, are equally Secretaries of State (in England, as you know, there are five Secretaries of State) in Canada we have hitherto had only one, and when both Departments were under one Minister, the impression was very general that the External Affairs Department was an adjunct to that commonly called The Secretary of State's. Besides this popular confusion, a division of functions between the two Departments has never been authoritatively made, and there is certain overlapping. I have been always hoping that some day you will have leisure to settle this question with Mr. Coderre. I have submitted to you my views on the subject and would naturally like to see them prevail, but if they are not to prevail, I should like Mr. Mulvey's views to carry, in order that we may have a definite settlement one way or the other to the advantage of public business.

The connection between this subject and that of rooms is this: - If the External Affairs is brought into the East Block and placed alongside of the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, in rooms which that Department is actually dispossessed of to make way for us, it will accentuate the feeling between the Departments which already exists and will retard the acquisition of an individuality by the Department of External Affairs, besides involving more or less unpleasantness.

This is my principal reason for hoping that ultimately I may get the old rooms formerly occupied by the Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs.

Personal Notes

So far as has been observed, the records of correspondence do not reveal the personal or intimate notes between Murphy and Pope, as are found, for example, between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Pope (and Lady Pope) or between Sir Robert Borden and Pope. Between these latter there were thank-you notes, notes of appreciation, notes of felicitation on birthdays, notes of sympathy on occasions of illness or bereavement, etc. No such cordiality and little messages of friendship have been found between Mr. Murphy and Sir Joseph Pope.

These details may perhaps be rather circumstantial, as suggesting that the relationship of Mr.