

patronage system or not, was obviously safer than a personal connection with Macdonald, who lived only two years thereafter.

Even after the death of his first chief, in 1891, he continued in this clerkship under successive Prime Ministers of both political parties for some seven years, ever gaining further familiarity with Canadian policy-making, and ever giving his personal advice and assistance when required. During this period he commenced his series of important diplomatic activities and journeyings abroad.

5. Under-Secretary of State of Canada *Sir Wilfrid Laurier*
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In 1896 he was appointed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as Under-Secretary of State and deputy Registrar-General of Canada, a promotion and position of great responsibility. As has been indicated, the Department of the Secretary of State covered a great many fields, including correspondence with the Provinces through the Lieutenant Governors, and the passing of certain correspondence from other departments to the Governor General for onward transmission to the Colonial Office. Most of the work of the Secretary of State's Office was done by the tireless Under-Secretary aided by his small staff. This position Pope held with increasing distinction for thirteen years, until he was transferred to the new Department of External Affairs in 1909.

In this capacity Pope became expert not only in the work more strictly pertaining to home affairs under the Department, and the work of the Registrar-General concerning issuance of Commissions and company