



Memorandum for the Prime Minister.

6th May,
1922.

Submitted herewith is a secret telegraphic despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General on the question of transferring the War Museum, now stored in the Crystal Palace, to the Imperial Institute. I have talked this matter over with Dr. Doughty, and the position is this:

Canada is not directly interested in the War Museum, but she is interested in the Imperial Institute, to which she contributes \$20,000 a year under certain conditions (Item 373, p.71, Main Estimates for 1922-23). The proposed transfer would involve a curtailment of the space available for Canada in the latter building of, I am informed, from one third to one-quarter. In these circumstances, therefore, both Dr. Doughty and I think that it would not be in our interest to agree to the removal of the War Museum from the Crystal Palace to the Imperial Institute. Sir William Schooling, who was introduced to me by Mr. Beaudry, and who represents, in an informal way, the Institute, is adverse to the proposed transfer. I think in the circumstances a despatch might be sent to Mr. Churchill on the lines I have indicated. At the same time, Mr. Larkin might be informed of the position and instructed that, unless in his judgment there are ^{good} reasons to the contrary, he should represent to the Colonial Office that the Government of Canada are of opinion that it would not be advantageous to this country to transfer the War Museum to the Imperial Institute.

J. Pope

SIR JOSEPH POPE.

Ottawa, 18th May, 1922.

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