

ceremonial, and even Lord Grey, in a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1911, said that he had been looking into the tiresome Precedence question with "that high authority Pope". There were occasions when Pope, who was a most dogmatic person, made an error and with chagrin had to admit his mistake and render tactful apology; or when he persisted in adopting an opinion (e.g. the correctness of the Union Jack as the national land flag of Canada) which was at variance with some popular and press opinion, and with some authorities like Mr. J.S. Ewart, and with subsequent practice; but these cases were rare, and he was always prepared to submit his opinion to London for a more senior ruling in a case of doubt or dispute.

On December 20, 1913, writing from the Parliament Buildings in Regina, Sask., Mr. Alfred W.J. Bourget, Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, wrote Sir Joseph Pope:

" . . . I wish to ask the following advice. Will you recommend me some book, written by an authority in whom you have the fullest confidence, regarding the important matter of Etiquette in all its varied branches, viz., - Royal, vice-royal, governmental, etc., etc.? As your encyclopaedic knowledge is known to include all that pertains to this department of human activity, I thought I would immediately write to you when I was asked certain questions the other day, (and as this happens occasionally and my library of references is not extensive), to get the great help of your very valuable counsel. . ."

Pope replied on December 24th:

I have yours of the 20th instant. I know of no such book of which you speak. These things are acquired gradually, by observation and experience rather than from any written volume. If there is any particular point on which you are in doubt, I should be glad to advise you upon it. You will not find any such volume anywhere as that for which you ask. . . " (1)

(1) Pope Papers. S.O. Vol. 96.