

permission but after a note of request and explanation had been previously sent but not received beforehand, seems to betray some small personal discord between the two men, - which may explain some of Pope's more general complaints.

Separation of Portfolios

As has already been pointed out, Mr. Murphy was well aware of Pope's desire to separate his Department from that of the Secretary of State, and either to have an independent Minister in charge, with a separate portfolio, or to place the External Affairs Department under the Prime Minister. It is obvious that this desire would appear to Mr. Murphy as a reflection on himself. Moreover, he was aware that Pope wished to "restrict" the role of the Secretary of State's Department to something analogous to a "Canadian" Department or "Home Office", implying a more specific truncation of its past comprehensive functions and interests. The divorce of all external business from the old Department would, in fact, have left the residual functions limited to "home affairs" in practice; but Murphy must have regarded it as tactless for Pope to propose that this delimitation should be made specific.

When Pope was examining the prospect of new quarters in the East Block, he wrote to the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, on January 29, 1914:

If I am to have any say in the matter, I should prefer to have the old rooms, that is the rooms which Mr. Meighen is already in and those dependent thereon. My chief reason for this is that there is already a good deal of confusion in the public mind, and also in the Services between the