

impression that you had left the decision as to the location of his offices with him. He thereupon refused to persevere with the plan accepted by us all as the obvious arrangement most conducive to the quick and satisfactory transaction of affairs, namely that of locating the Department of External Affairs in the offices occupied by Mr. Pedley, and in my opinion very properly refused - for it would be unfair to Mr. Pope and injurious to his position and influence to expose him to the odium of having initiated a change which might be greatly resented by a fellow Deputy Minister. . . ."

Earl Grey then recounted the interviews he had had with Laurier, with Mr. Pedley and with Pope, resulting as he believed, in their acceptance of his request.

After a further recapitulation of his interviews, Grey continued: "I have told you enough to enable you to understand my astonishment on being informed by you last Wednesday that out of continued deference to Mr. Pope's feelings, a change admittedly required in the Public Interest was not to be made! I do not suppose a Governor General has ever put himself to so much trouble in order to protect a servant of the Crown in the position of Mr. Pope from possible injury resulting from a change called for in the public interest. I cannot conceal from you that, having been encouraged by you to speak to both Mr. Pedley and Mr. Pope, an unusual step from which I did not shrink in my desire to help you, I feel that I shall have been, and shall continue to be, humiliated if nothing is done. . . ."

It is clear that after the Governor General's