

year, and said: "It is therefore strongly urged that this arrangement should be confirmed, as the Department of External Affairs receives at present a very unfair and inadequate proportion of the office space available."

The available files do not indicate what action was taken in the course of the next five years, although some adjustments apparently were made, for the Department continued to expand and to exist in the East Block without quite "bursting the seams". In 1936, correspondence took place between Dr. Skelton and Mr. Hunter, Deputy Minister of Public Works, concerning the acquisition of space to be vacated by the Department of Justice. Adjustment of allocations was also considered between the space of the Prime Minister's Office and the Finance Department. In September, 1936, it had been agreed that External Affairs was to acquire, or to be confirmed in, Rooms 115, 117, 119, 121, 122, 123 and 124, the first four facing the even number Rooms 116, 118, 120 to be allocated to the Prime Minister's Office (which was largely concerned with, and staffed by, External Affairs). These rooms having been obtained, in April, 1937, Mr. N.A. Robertson moved down from Room 315 to Room 115, Mr. Scott Macdonald from 320 to 119, Mr. H. L. Keenleyside from the Prime Minister's Office to 121, Mr. W.H. Measures, Protocol Officer, from 316 to 315. Room 117 was to be used by stenographers, and 123 as a Conference Room.

In April, 1938, some portion, consisting of