

to communicate directly with the Lieutenant Governors. Pope did not introduce this proposed practice, and adhered to the old form; but he asked the Prime Minister, first to confirm "by Parliamentary sanction", i.e. by statute in place of Order-in-Council, the title of Secretary of State for External Affairs, and secondly, to empower this latter officer, on an equal basis as that of the Secretary of State of Canada, to correspond directly with the Lieutenant-Governors. One reason for this suggestion was to expedite correspondence and avoid circumlocation; another reason was that Pope thought that his Department's work was being unduly delayed; and a related reason was that he felt that Mr. Mulvey, deputy head of the Secretary of State's Department, was negligent in following up correspondence with the Lieutenant-Governors and in pressing for replies, which Mr. Pope, deputy head of the ~~Secretary of State for~~ <sup>Department of</sup> External Affairs, ~~Department,~~ could more effectively accomplish.

In an undated memorandum found in departmental file 311/1912 and marked in pencil "From Mr. W.H. Walker's papers", the following extract is taken:

In order to the more effective working of the Department and to make the terms of the Order-in-Council of the 1st June, 1909, regulating its procedure correspond with the Act of last session it would be expedient to amend that Order-in-Council by substituting the "Secretary of State for External Affairs" for "Secretary of State" as head of the Department, and by the addition of a clause authorizing direct communication with the Provincial Governments by the Department in respect of matters with which it is properly concerned. The advantages of such direct communication, obviating the unnecessary delay involved in the present practice of communicating through the Secretary of State of Canada, are obvious; and no reason against the adoption of such a procedure can be alleged apparently except that it has not previously been followed.