

August 14, 1909.

My dear Lemaire,

I send for Sir Wilfrid Laurier's information a translation of a cable from LC Crewe to LC Grey received last night. Copy has been sent to External Affairs.

Yours,
C.J. Jones

As has been mentioned, the Office of the Governor General was in two sections. The principal office was in Rideau Hall or Government House, where the Governor General's official Secretary (first known as Military Secretary, later as Civil Secretary) functioned. All official despatches, diplomatic bags, and telegrams were initially delivered to this office at Government House. The secondary office was in the East Block, presided over by the Governor General's Assistant Secretary. Here most of the files were kept, copying was done, and distribution of documents and other papers to other departments or to the Privy Council was handled. Various Governors General made regular or intermittent visits to the East Block office, where they could receive callers, parliamentarians, Cabinet Ministers, and other departmental heads, etcetera, and could confer with the Prime Minister - who, however, almost as frequently visited the Governor General at Rideau Hall. Some Governors came into town daily; others three times a week or so.

During Sir Robert Borden's term, and presumably before that during Sir Wilfrid Laurier's term, incoming telegrams as well as mail for the Governor General were delivered ^{and decyphered} at Government House, and if the Governor General was in residence, they were immediately