

Assistant Governor General's Secretary, Mr.C.J.

Jones, to Pope, dated June 4th, as follows:

What am I to do with the Proclamation re
Dept. of External Affairs for H.E. signature?

At the top of this private handwritten letter
Pope wrote:

I suggested to Jones the expediency of
sending this Proclamation to England for His
Excellency's signature.

~~Lord~~ Grey was in Ottawa in May; had sailed for
England for a quick visit at the end of May or first
of June; he was back in Canada in July and made a tour
through the West in August. He concluded his extended
term of office in October and sailed finally for
England on October 13, 1911.

Official Notification

Before the end of the same month (June 30th),
Mr. Pope addressed circular letters to the Deputy
Ministers of all the other Departments informing them
of the creation and functions of the new Department.
In these he said:

I am directed by the First Minister to en-
close to you, for your information and guidance,
copy of a Minute of the Privy Council, approved
by the Governor General on the 1st June 1909,
defining the functions of the Department of
External Affairs.

You will observe therefrom that in future
all despatches communicated by His Excellency
to his Ministers will be referred to the various
departments through the Department of External
Affairs. In the case of those despatches which
are simply referred by command, the replies
thereto should be communicated direct to the
Governor General's Secretary as heretofore, the
Department of External Affairs being at the same
time notified that the matter has been dealt with.