

Laurier Government". The Toronto News spoke of him as among the best informed men in the public service.

In private life he was generally humble and kindly, and he had a host of friends and admirers, including Earl Grey and a succession of Prime Ministers. He was always ready to help any of his younger associates with kindly advice and collaboration, despite his temperamental mannerism in his office, and impatient outbursts toward any laggard staff-work.

Pope was a member of the Rideau Club, the important centre of Ottawa's political life. He was at one time President of the Catholic Truth Society, and a director of the Alliance Française in Ottawa. Somewhat surprisingly, he was also a Counsellor and Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, and was held in some esteem by that circle. In 1917, for example, the Committee members appealed to him to persuade the Minister of Finance to restore an annual Government grant to the Society, which for war reasons was to be reduced from \$2000 to \$1000. Mr. J.R. Collins, the General Secretary, appealed to Pope, who on January 19th replied: "While you may be quite sure of my cooperation, I am afraid you exaggerate my influence. Ministers of the Crown are not apt to pay overmuch attention to the representations of Deputy Heads of Departments outside their own Departments. . ." However, he spoke to Sir Thomas White and then wrote him a letter stressing the value of the Society and its scientific publications. He at first apparently