

aspect of correspondence between the two colleagues, nor to guess how much they also exchanged views tête-à-tête. But there has been found no correspondence indicating any warmth of feeling or sympathy between the two men.

Permission for Absences.

At various times in 1909, 1910 and 1911, Pope, apparently according to custom, sent handwritten notes to Mr. Murphy advising his chief that he proposed to leave Ottawa for an indicated week-end. In one note he stated that he would be absent on Saturday, returning on Monday "or - since Monday is a holiday, possibly Tuesday". These absences usually fell on an August week-end, year after year. (1) This practice, faithfully observed by Pope, hardly justifies the sharp admonition written by Mr. Murphy on one occasion.

Could a senior official of Joseph Pope's distinction, experience and standing consider as anything but an unreasonable reproach from his chief - a younger man - such a letter as he received from Mr. Murphy dated July 13, 1910:

On my return from Montreal today I received your letter of the 11th instant, stating that you had to go to Montreal on private business yesterday, and would return last evening. Having met you on the train in advance of the receipt of your letter an acknowledgement might be dispensed with, but in future it would be well to acquaint me with your intention before you actually leave town. Permission for such a purpose I am always pleased to grant.

This carping criticism by a Minister to his Deputy Minister, for a day's absence in Montreal, without

(1) A series of these notifications is found among Pope's Semi Official Papers, in the Public Archives.