

respectable and enterprising paper, it is not in any sense an organ of the Government of Canada, but is entirely distinct therefrom." This was all the correspondence in this department on the subject, until the receipt of your letter of the 11th August last by the Secretary of the State.

I enclose copies of letters, which I fruitlessly addressed to Mr. M. C. Foley. In the light of the above this silence is not difficult to understand.

You may take any steps which may seem good to you to give publicity to this matter. Yours very truly,

(Signed), JOSEPH POPE,

Under Secretary of State.

Edgar A. Wills, Esq., Man. Director, The Monetary Times,
Toronto, Ontario.

(Copy).

Ottawa, 5th December, 1902.

DEAR SIR,—I have seen to-day for the first time your letter, dated the 19th August last, addressed to the Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, in which you say that some years ago an enquiry was made of this department as to the standing of the Trade Review. That the department in turn asked you for particulars, which you furnished, and in furnishing them you requested that you might be allowed to refer to this department as a reference, and that you were informed that there was no objection to this. I should be glad to hear from you when and to whom you made this request, and who told you that there was no objection to granting it. I am, dear sir, yours truly,

JOSEPH POPE,

Under-Secretary of State.

M. Charles Foley, Esq., Trade Review Publishing Co.,
679 Craig Street, Montreal.

(Copy).

Ottawa, 19th December, 1902.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to draw your attention to my letter to you of the 5th inst., and to renew my enquiry as to your justification for the statement made in your letter of the 19th Aug. last to the Secretary of State to the effect that some time ago you applied for permission to give this department as a reference and that you were informed that there was no objection to this. I am, dear sir, yours truly,

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