

Minute in Council went through the hands of the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to the Privy Council, and thence to the Governor General's Office in the normal manner.*

Sometimes the Governor General would write personally (in long-hand) to the Under Secretary, Mr. Pope, like the following of November 8, 1909:

A Despatch has arrived from Downing Street dated 30 October, covering a reported~~d~~ dated 30th September by Commander Edwards of H.M.S. Algeria in which the following statements are made: . . . (Earl Grey then added his own comments). I am inclined to think, after reading this report, that little good would be served in trying to make out a case, as you suggested to me the other day, that the seal herd is increasing. . . "

Incoming Telegrams

Incoming telegrams addressed to the Governor General were decyphered - usually at Government House - and were passed on to the Prime Minister in the same manner as despatches and letters. If the Governor General were absent travelling, copies of despatches or decyphered telegrams would of course be transmitted to him, but at the same time the Governor General's Secretary would transmit a copy to the Prime Minister's Secretary or Privy Council Clerk. For example, we find the following:

August 13, 1909.

My dear Lemaire,

I enclose you a translation of Mr. Bryce's teleg. to the Governor General. I was under the impression that you had a copy of the Government Telegraph Code.

Yours sincerely,
C.J. Jones
(Secretary to the Governor General)

* For some reason the originals of this correspondence between Lord Grey and Mr. Oliver are included in the Laurier Papers; possibly, as President of the Privy Council when the documents went to Council for approval, Laurier had retained possession of them in his files.