

them, the question of payment of postal costs was raised. Mr. Mulvey, for example, wrote to Mr. Pope on April 29, 1911:

The enclosed reference from the Governor General's Secretary indicates still further the necessity of the revision of the mode by which references are made by the Governor General's Office. This file was handed to me by Mr. Brophy, with an enquiry as to who would pay the expense of forwarding about fifty volumes of Statutes to your office. I have enquired of Mr. Roy whether he distributes these Statutes, and he informs me that he does, and that he has done so ever since the establishment of your Department. This, of course, means that the Statutes are sent to this office, following the Minister's instructions, to be transmitted to your office and then returned here. I should be glad to take the matter up with you, for the purpose of discussing it with Mr. Malcolm as soon as he returns to Ottawa. (1)

The dispute continued into the following year. In June, 1912, Mr. Mulvey complained to Mr. Pope that one of the latter's clerks, Mr. Leblanc, on his own and without formal authorization from above, had asked Mr. Mulvey's clerk, Mr. Roy, for a Distribution List of the Imperial Statutes, which arrived from London and went to various Canadian departments and in some cases to the Provincial Governments. Mr. Mulvey said:

I think that the clerks should be given to understand that Government business cannot be carried on in this way. It would be intolerable if permitted. The statement was also made that your Department had these Statutes for distribution. If this be so, I am exceedingly surprised, as such distribution has always been made through this Department. I may say that I am communicating with Colonel Lowther* respecting the very unsatisfactory methods adopted by his office in distributing matters between this Department and yours - methods quite contrary to what I understand to be decided upon some time ago.

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