

The Pope-Mulvey correspondence in this connection then ceased; and the issues were laid before the Secretary of State Dr. Roche and the Prime Minister-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Sir Robert Borden, by mutual agreement. The passages quoted above, however, betray a peculiar and revealing tension between the two colleagues, both mature and experienced men of high office, in their personal relationships.

It is not difficult to see some of the causes of this unhappy friction. Mulvey, like Mr. Murphy, was an Irishman in background and temperament. Pope was strongly pro-British. Both men had force of character and personality, and were "positive" types. Mulvey sat in Pope's old chair and office; and this made him seem closer to the Secretary of State; Pope was cast adrift in the remoter exile of the Trafalgar Building. Mulvey had inherited the Departmental Library which Pope had "founded". Pope at least felt that Mulvey was acting as - or was regarded by outsiders as - the senior of the two Under-Secretaries, and that Pope was regarded as a subordinate to him.

Pope was conscious of the fact that he had had decades of experience in East Block affiliations before Mulvey appeared on the scene, but that Mulvey nevertheless assumed an authority more officious than his past experience warranted. Brophy had come over to Pope's Department as a senior clerk, but apparently was not happy and returned to his old Department under Murphy and the new Under-Secretary Mulvey. Both Mulvey and Pope