

in the East Block a few days after September 29th - that is to say, in the first week in October, 1914.\*

On January 22, 1915, Pope requested another spare room on the top floor "as a store room in which to place many boxes of papers, records of past commissions, arbitration, etc., of which I am the custodian." But on January 28, Hunter wrote that no such room was at present available.

When Pope finally attained his desire and was enabled to transfer his Department back to the East Block, with its new wing recently added to enclose the quadrangle and to provide much needed space for the ever-expanding offices of administration, he was again disappointed and had to take up his troubles with the allocating authorities.

In a much later letter, dated October 28, 1916, to Mr. Robert Rogers, the then Minister of Public Works, Pope complainingly reviewed the tale of his accommodation difficulties. "When the Department of External Affairs was formed, Mr. Fielding, who seemed to have the apportionment of rooms in the new wing of this building (the East Block), promised my Minister at the time, eight rooms

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\* The old Department file (1013/14) on External Affairs premises dealing with the transfer from Trafalgar Building to the East Block in 1914 has been abolished, and has been incorporated into a more comprehensive file 4068-1-40, "Accommodation - Department of External Affairs - East Block" covering the period 1913 to 1947. There is comparatively little correspondence concerning the move made in 1914, and, strangely to say, no indication as to the precise date the removal into the East Block was actually made. Individuals who were members of the Department at that time recall the act of removal but do not recall the exact date.