

OFFICE OF
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Ottawa, 5th October, 1926.

My dear Sir Arthur,

The Governor General's Secretary has sent us copy of some correspondence with you on the subject of the delay in forwarding the application of Mr. A.J.P. Walter for a Colonial Office post.

It is certainly most regrettable that delay occurred in the transmission of these documents, resulting, as you point out, in serious prejudice to an extremely promising candidate.

The documents on our file in the matter do not indicate the date at which the appointment was first advertised in London and it is possible that some delay occurred before Mr. Walter's application was initiated. However that may be, it should not have required nearly six weeks to carry on the correspondence and secure the personal interview and report called for by the Colonial Office Regulations. A certain amount of delay is involved in the fact that the formal interview which is required in such cases must be arranged by the Provincial authorities and that communications to the Provinces must pass through the Office of the Secretary of State. The time taken by this procedure, however, was not important. We are informed by the Governor General's Office that Mr. Walter's letter was received on May 14th. The papers were received in the Department of External Affairs on May 17th and were sent to the Under-Secretary of State the same day. I learn that they were forwarded to the Quebec authorities on May 19th. On June 7th we requested the Under-Secretary of State to enquire why no reply had been received, and a telegram was sent accordingly. The documents were received in the Secretary of State's Office on June 17th and reached our office on June 19th. They were forwarded on the same day to the Governor General's Secretary, who immediately transmitted them to the Colonial Office. You will

or rather on June 21,

observe