

for External Affairs (whom he urged and hoped would be the Prime Minister himself). He wrote:

There are reasons of convenience which would be served by this plan. At present every passport issued by this Department has to be sent to the Secretary of State for sealing. Under the system I advocate, the Secretary of State for External Affairs could be entrusted by the Governor General with a separate seal for this and kindred purposes, - in short would occupy as such a status which I am afraid he can attain in no other way. Sir Wilfrid Laurier evidently intended this. The first recommendation I laid before him was prepared for signature as "Secretary of State". Without any suggestion on my part he added, with his own hand, the words "for External Affairs" and directed that that title should always be used.

Further, does not the existing statute, in creating the office of "Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs" appear to contemplate that there shall be a Secretary of State for External Affairs? I do not quite see how there could be an Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs without a Secretary of State for External Affairs, but if there were, such official would popularly be regarded as in some sense amenable to the jurisdiction, not merely of the Secretary of State, but also (as is more or less the case at the present moment) of the officer at present known as "the Under-Secretary of State".

The existence of two Secretaries of State, one for Home, the other for External Affairs, is so reasonable in itself and so accordant with British usage that I feel it would speedily commend itself to public opinion, in so far as public opinion takes any interest in such matters.

Editorial Committee

Pope also smarted, on several occasions, over delays ~~and~~ and other difficulties with the Bureau of the King's Printer - although it may be said that this was, and is, a chronic and common source of complaint in every Department of Government. But he was especially put out with the interference of the Editorial Committee, (headed by the Deputy King's Printer, Mr. Cook), set up by the Privy Council to check extravagance in public printing