

incapacitated in his establishment and work, and the Department had a precarious existence in borrowed rooms.

Mr. Murphy, leaving for a trip to the West, lent his own office in the East Block to Pope during his absence, which meant, for the time being, that Pope, giving up his old Under-Secretary's Office to his successor, Mr. Mulvey, merely moved over to his chief's adjoining room. But almost immediately, workmen from Public Works wanted to make certain constructional changes in the windows of Mr. Murphy's office. Pope felt that he had to move, and a few days later yielded his office to the stone-masons.

On July 7th we learn from letters which Pope wrote to other Deputy Ministers, the new Department was "temporarily lodged in the new wing of the House of Commons" - rooms 53, 78 and 79. There it had to remain from July until October, with all the obvious inconveniences of small and temporary quarters.

On June 30th, Pope had sent letters to the other Deputy Ministers with copies of the Order-in-Council defining the functions of the Department, and a letter to the Governor General's Secretary asking him to begin the new procedure on July 6th. On July 7th, however, there is another letter to the Governor General's Secretary which seems to have replaced this, asking him to begin the new procedure on July 8th. The Deputy Ministers were also advised of the date, and the temporary address of the new offices in the House of Commons. It appears from this correspondence therefore that July 8th must be taken as the date on which the Department