

incumbent was several times mentioned, in terms of epomium, in the debate both in the House of Commons and in the Senate.

Senator Ferguson in particular praised the merits of Mr. Pope: "No one who knows anything about the affairs of Canada will venture to contradict me, that Mr. Pope has had a very extensive experience in questions of diplomacy, if I may use that word. If any man in Canada has had experience in diplomacy it is Mr. Pope. He accompanied Sir John Macdonald to Washington during the early negotiations with the United States. He was with Sir John Thompson in Paris and with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in England on more than one occasion, and he was with Mr. Lemieux in Japan. He has had great experience in diplomatic matters. He is a comparatively young man[†] and his experience is valuable." (1)

Although it was assumed, in debates in the Senate, that Mr. Pope would be the appointee as new Under-Secretary, there seemed to remain still some uncertainty on the point, and a fear that a political nominee might be chosen out of the patronage system. Senator Ferguson retorted to that, and further endorsed Mr. Pope. "There is one practical difficulty that I see in the way which may arise from political exigencies, which we know are very strong in this country and especially with the present administration. It may be, with the keen eye to political advantage

[†] He was then 54 years of age.
(1) Senate Debates 1909. p. 399.

~~(2) See footnote p. 4 (2).~~