

or less separable divisions, each with their own filing and registry offices, which might, as a wartime measure, be located outside the East Block. I do not like to make any suggestions with regard to the distribution of work in another Department of Government, but I should think that the office of the Inspector General of Banks, the office of the Acting Commissioner of Tariff and the remnants of the Housing organization, none of which is very closely connected with the essential war work of the Department of Finance, could be moved outside the East Block.

(8) The Governor General's Office has now only four rooms in the East Block, two on the second floor and two on the top floor. It has already given up two rooms, one to your Office and one to the Department of External Affairs. Rather than have to relinquish another room I should think that the Governor General might prefer to move his office and records from the East Block to Government House. I should glad to learn whether you think it would be feasible to attempt to find an appropriate reception room which the Governor General could use in wartime on the Senate side of the House of Parliament.

Governor General's Entrance, 1941-42,

Since 1926 the role of the Governor General and his Office as a centre of communication with the Imperial Government had been abolished. A British High Commissioner's Office in Ottawa had been established in 1928. The East Block space formerly reserved for the Governor General's Office could therefore, it was thought, be reduced, and reallocated. Suggestions to this end were initiated in October, 1939, in correspondence between Dr. Skelton and Sir Shuldham Redfern, Secretary to the Governor General, Lord Tweedsmuir (who came to the East Block rarely more than once a week). Nothing apparently was done until the proposals were renewed in 1941, when it was suggested that the "Governor General's entrance" on the west side of the East Block, which had been disused ~~xxxxxx~~ since the outbreak of the war, should be blocked