

of November 29, 1909, to Mr. Pope. This must have hurt Mr. Pope to the quick, and must have made him feel that he was not to enjoy the warm support of his chief in the new enterprise. This was the paragraph already quoted, indicating that the Department "is not popular with some of my colleagues, and still less so with many of the Government supporters. . . It would be advisable to justify its existence by allowing it to continue to work smoothly and without attracting the attention of Council or Parliament. . ."

It has not been made clear why this opposition or unpopularity should have arisen, except for the small additional vote required in the Estimates for the new Department. As the Bill passed through the Commons and the Senate relatively smoothly and with relatively little debate, it cannot be seen that the opposition, unpopularity or suspicion was serious. But what there may have been, Mr. Murphy did little to allay. His own negative attitude revealed his lack of enthusiasm in support of Pope.

#### Correspondence

At first glance, it might also seem that the two men preferred to write notes to one another rather than consult in person.

Although, before June, 1909, when Pope had to move to other buildings, they occupied adjoining rooms in the East Block, in the Secretary of State's Department, where personal discussions would be the normal thing, Pope wrote notes and memoranda to Murphy. Perhaps as a good bureaucrat he felt that all matters should be "recorded