

the Under-Secretary of State. The work of my office and of your office is also retarded. My convenience, your convenience, that of all the officials concerned, are injuriously affected."

On the same day, Laurier replied, saying that he had given instructions to make room for Mr. Pope's Department in the East Block, but "so many objections were raised that nothing was done. A few days ago, on hearing this, I told Pope to make a selection of the rooms which he wanted, and that I would give at once the necessary order to have them turned to him. He then informed me that he had been moved three times this year and that he preferred to remain where he was. I did not press the matter further. I am quite ready to act, if such be the wishes of Your Excellency."

On November 5th, Grey wrote again to Laurier, saying that he had personally sent for and talked to Mr. Pedley, and had explained to him that "the interests of the Crown, to which the personal convenience of every individual must be subordinated, made it necessary to ask him to submit to the loss of his beautiful offices and to the discomfort and inconvenience of moving elsewhere. . . The attractions and associations of the room would appear to me to secure for it the honour of appropriation, if not by the Prime Minister, at any rate by the Secretary of State or Minister of Justice. I also explained to Mr. Pedley that the decision requiring him to transfer elsewhere had not been initiated or suggested by Mr. Pope." The Governor General was a little huffed by the indignity