

first was Mr. Harrison, later Chief Justice Harrison. The second was Colonel Hewitt Bernard, who afterwards became his brother-in-law and Deputy Minister of Justice. Then ^{there} was Mr. Charles Drinkwater (1864-1873) who came from the railway world and afterwards returned to it as Secretary to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. On Sir John's restoration to power in 1878, Mr. Harry Kinloch became his private secretary until ill-health forced him to retire. He was succeeded by Mr. Frederick White, later Comptroller of the North West Mounted Police.

In 1883 Pope became his private secretary. Of his chief he says in the Memoirs: "It is true that he was exacting in his demands. He required all a man's time. The thought of holidays never entered his mind. But to those who caught his spirit and were willing to be on duty all the year round, no life could be more pleasant than constant association with a statesman who ever conveyed the impression to his secretary that he was co-worker with him in a common cause, who rarely gave a direction unaccompanied by an explanation of the reason for it, who courted suggestions of all kinds, and even invited criticism of his ^{own} work. 'I want a memorandum on such a subject' he would say, explaining in a few words what was in his mind. 'I wish you would try your hand at it'. If the secretary expressed a doubt as to his ability, he would add: 'Never mind what mess you make of it, the worst attempt will give me some useful idea. See what you can do.'" (1) It was this kind

(1) J. Pope: Memoirs of John Alexander Macdonald. p.654.