

and transfer of records and stored office supplies, shifting the Indian Department and Insurance Department rooms, and using the latter's space for External Affairs offices. (1)

The chief stumbling block was the fact that to get the offices he wanted, Mr. Pedley of the Indian Affairs Department would have to be shifted, and naturally put up some resistance. Both the Prime Minister and, later, the Governor General, intervened to persuade him to yield his offices, but, seeing his reluctance and imagining his probable resentment, Pope hesitated to interfere. He began to search for alternative quarters, and found a prospect in the Trafalgar Building. He thereupon got Sir Wilfrid Laurier's consent to this proposal. On June 21st Pope then wrote to his chief, Mr. Murphy, complaining that as certain make-shift rooms in the East Block which had been tentatively offered to him were quite inadequate, he asked Mr. Murphy to authorize him, faute de mieux to move to the Trafalgar Building on Bank Street, "at any rate for the present"; he said that the Prime Minister had consented to his going there. In a letter from Saskatoon, dated June 26th, Mr. Murphy approved the proposed arrangement.

Interlude

But it was several months before the quarters in the Trafalgar Building could be vacated by the School Board and made ready for occupation by the new Department; and during that interim summer period, Pope was virtually

(1) Ibid. Vol. 579. Doc. 156962-3. Also Departmental File 22/1909.