

Expansion of DepartmentNew Staff

During the Pope epoch, the officer strength of the Department had remained constant at three, although the clerical staff, including the Passport Branch, had necessarily increased as a result of the First War and its busy aftermath. The Prime Minister's Office, by 1925, had expanded and contained Private Secretaries and clerical personnel nominally belonging to the Department of External Affairs.

When Dr. Skelton took charge of the Department as new Under-Secretary, his first act was to make a handwritten private sketch of the Department's organization as he then found it. This is reproduced below: ⁽¹⁾

Department of External Affairs 1925.Main Office - Ottawa

Secretary of State for External Affairs:	(Prime Minister)
Under-Secretary:	O.D. Skelton - General administration Correspondence Questions of policy
Assistant Under-Secretary:	W.H. Walker - General administration Correspondence (Acting) Questions of policy Special: Passports Consular Service Confidential Prints
Counsellor:	J. Desy - Legal & Protocol, Treaties League of Nations Questions Commercial?

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