

With this type of documentary mind - illustrated also by his meticulous sorting and docketing of all his private, semi-official and official papers - it is not surprising that he carried over into his leisure the pursuit of documentary writing, largely based on edited material from the available records.

12. Authorship

An indefatigable worker, he not only performed his onerous duties as an administrative Civil Servant, but also devoted himself to letters. In 1890 he published his first book, "Jacques Cartier, His Life and Voyages"; and in 1894, three years after Macdonald's death, he edited, both as his former Private Secretary for seven years, and as authorized literary executor, "The Memoirs of Rt. Hon. Sir John Alexander Macdonald" in two volumes. He published in 1903 "The Royal Tour of 1901"; and in 1915 a further book about his old chief, "The Day of Sir John Macdonald."^π Besides these, he edited Confederation Documents (1895), The Correspondence of Sir John Macdonald (1921), and contributed a chapter on the Canadian Federal Government to the series of volumes Canada and Its Provinces, published in 1912.

13. War Book

An important task was charged on Sir J. Pope by Sir Robert Borden in January-August, 1914. Borden

^π"... Respecting my book entitled The Day of Sir John Macdonald. I am sorry to say that I have no copies of this book. When it came out the publishers sent me two copies, and I have seen no more. I sold the manuscript to them and they are bringing it out as part of a series."
(Letter from Joseph Pope to Thomas Côté, Commissioner of Public Works, The City Hall, Montreal, 25 November 1915. (Semi-Official Papers of Sir Joseph Pope. S.O. 621. Public Archives.))