

Secretary of State. But in other areas, there was divided or inadequately delineated responsibility. This was largely because neither in the Statute, nor in the Order-in-Council, creating the new Department, nor in any other formal manner, were the allocations of separate responsibility clearly or completely stipulated; they were to be apportioned by later adjustment and mutual agreement. Controversies then arose, accentuated by the rivalry between Mr. Pope and Mr. Mulvey as co-Under-Secretaries under a single Minister - at least until the separation of the Secretary of State from External Affairs.

A further example of this difficulty of allocation is shown in a letter from Mulvey to Pope dated April 19, 1911: (1)

A few days ago, while I was in the Minister's Office, I happened to hear him say that he was signing a paper relating to the Royal Bounty for triplets, and, as it has not reached this office, as I assumed it should, I asked for further information, and found that the matter had been entirely dealt with by your Department. The subject, of course, is a very trivial one, but if dealings with trivial matters are not regulated by some principle, there will shortly be confusion between your Department and this. It appears to me that the matter of the Royal Bounty to triplets is one which should be dealt with by this Department, and not by yours.

While upon this subject, I should like to understand more fully the exact method of distributing papers which prevails with the Governor General's Office and your Department, and I am writing to Mr. Malcolm upon the subject. It appears that he distributes directly to the Department quite a number of matters, for instance, those connected with the London Examinations, some extradition matters, and others. Why, for instance, London Examination correspondence should come directly here and not to your office, I cannot understand, because the correspondence originates out of Canada, although it is to be dealt with by

(1) File 466/11.