

considering that this was mainly a domestic and administrative matter for the Imperial Government in London to develop. Nevertheless, there was an underlying feeling among many in Canada that the old Colonial Office connoted a continuance of colonialism; that the creation of a Dominions department within the Colonial Office might improve efficiency but would not eliminate the connotation; and that a Secretaryship of State for Dominion Affairs, separate from the Secretaryship of State for the Colonies, would better please the amour propre of the self-governing Dominions which were in process of casting off their colonial chains. There does not appear to be any official Canadian correspondence with London on the subject, other than Earl Grey's early letters; but the change, when finally made in 1925, was welcome as a gesture and psychological improvement, as well as being, no doubt, a more specialized and thus more efficient agency of intercourse.

The Canadian Government or Secretary of State for External Affairs did not communicate directly with the British Foreign Office (although it did so with the British Ambassadors and Ministers and Consuls abroad.) All matters of foreign concern were invariably sent through the Dominions Office for attention of the Foreign Office and vice versa; and the Foreign