

on Pelagic Sealing at Washington, as the Associate of the British Ambassador, James Bryce.

After the incumbency of Mr. Robert Borden, Pope's diplomatic excursions diminished, since Borden preferred to take with him, or to send as his emissary, his new Legal Adviser, Loring C. Christie. But Pope had his hands full with other matters besides his busy departmental work prior to and during the First War years. State visits to Canada occupied much of his time, as he had become the expert of ceremonial and protocol.

7. State Functions and Honours

Besides being an envoy to diplomatic conferences, and a documentarist, archivist and writer, Pope acquired, through his long experience, an interest in and unrivalled knowledge in Canada of forms and ceremonies, and throughout his later life was consulted from every quarter.

As Under-Secretary of the Department, then chiefly responsible for ceremonial matters, he was appointed by the government to attend to the arrangements for the tour of Canada in 1901 of the Duke and Duchess of ^{Cornwall and} York. He described this later, (1903), in his book The Royal Tour. Although much of the credit for organizing this tour has been given to Lord Minto personally,* the fact is that Pope had a very

* Gwen Neuendorff comments regarding this tour: A Royal Visit is of particular interest to the Governor General and he plays a large part in making arrangements. Unlike the visit in 1939 of the King and Queen to Canada, for which the Canadian Government appears to have been enthusiastic, when the Duke and Duchess of ^{Cornwall and} York visited Canada in 1901 the Cabinet was so apathetic that Minto, to stir them up, suggested that he should cable to England that it would be a good idea if the visit were put off. This had the desired effect, and the visit largely arranged by Minto, who had to put up a stiff fight to secure adequate relaxation for the Royal visitors, was a great success. (Neuendorff. Studies in the Evolution of Dominion Status. p. 197). This seems to be a harsh interpretation of the alleged hesitation of the Canadian Government. The uncertainty seems to have been due to the Queen's death, as the following note suggests: