

legislation, in the scramble for premises. He said bluntly that the new Department was not popular. For several years the Department of External Affairs was listed in the Auditor-General's Report as an appendage to the Secretary of State's Department.

Introduction of Bill

Beyond moving the Bill No.90, in 1909, for consideration and approval of the House, and adding a few very brief explanatory remarks in a speech mostly drafted for him by Pope, Murphy took no further part in the debate and made no attempt to defend the proposed reform. All that was done, in a series of replies which reveal the Prime Minister's own conviction in favour of the scheme, were speeches by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and by Mr. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice. One may be tempted to wonder over Mr. Murphy's comparative silence in the debate on a scheme which concerned his own Department. He was to remain in charge of the new "branch", but under him the Department of the Secretary of State was to be split into two sections, with his valuable and indefatigable Under-Secretary moving over into the second branch, in other rooms (and, indeed, as it turned out, in another building) than his old seat close to the Minister. By the bifurcation, Mr. Murphy, besides gaining an additional Department and additional Under-Secretary (Mr. Mulvey), was to lose his old colleague and right-hand adviser, and a few members of his own staff.

Unpopularity of New Department

Another indication of Mr. Murphy's coolness toward the new Department was expressed in his letter