

In one of his suggested revisions, Pope proposed amending Section 1 of the 1909 Act as follows:

" Substitute for the words "Secretary of State for the time being shall preside", the words "Member of the King's Privy Council holding the recognized position of First Minister shall preside, and shall be the Secretary of State for External Affairs."

The file copy of this draft was date-stamped November 9, 1911; Pope wrote across it: "I gave a copy of this, the latest revise, to Mr. Borden, on the 9 November, 1911". On another 1911 file copy he wrote: "Suggested changes early part of session 1909-1910 which came to nothing".

Following this submission, Mr. Pope sent a letter dated November 25, 1911 to Mr. Borden, part of which reads:

The proposal to place this Department under the First Minister without any special designation might raise among other questions the minor ones:- Could there be an Under-Secretary without a Secretary. It seems to me that the effect of this plan would be to make conflict of jurisdiction possible between the two departments.

My last choice would be to leave the Secretary of State of Canada as he is, and style you "Minister of External Affairs". I confess I do not care for this, although that is how it is in Australia, where, however, the Minister is not now the Prime Minister.

When we were considering the establishment of this department, I corresponded with the Under-Secretary for External Affairs in Australia, and afterwards met him here. There does not seem to be any close analogy between our External Affairs Department and theirs, which includes the Privy Council Office, that of the Governor General's Secretary, Indian Affairs, certain fisheries, and more besides. I enclose a copy of Mr. Atlee Hunt's letter to me in case you care to see it . . .