

from hotels or camps. If the letters were typed he apologized. In one typed letter of 1909, he said: "I am just leaving for the Yukon, so please excuse my dictating a letter." In the Rockies, he wrote on the train, a long important despatch to Laurier, in a red pencil scrawled in rough, shaky script, on coarse paper; but forwarded it through his Secretary, asking him to produce a typewritten copy to be attached to his manuscript letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in order that it might be more legible. A great many of these handwritten letters were notes of courtesy or familiar friendship, dealing with personal or social matters. A very great many, however, were covering letters transmitting formal despatches received from Ambassador Bryce or the Colonial Secretary, which he passed on to Laurier with lengthy and informative commentaries of his own. Occasionally he would similarly write long-hand letters to Pope, or to Mr. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice, or to Mr. Fielding when he was on a mission in Paris; he would invariably send a copy or summary of such letters to the Prime Minister for his information.

It would appear that most of these handwritten notes were passed through the Governor General's Secretary before delivery, and the latter would have a typewritten copy made in his office for the Governor General's files. Thus, in the Public Archives, the original letters from the Governor General are preserved in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's papers; and the typewritten copies are found in Earl Grey's papers.