

the Printing Bureau were not limited to Pope's Department; other Departments also lodged complaints, and Mr. Mulvey called together a meeting of the Deputy Ministers of many of the Departments to discuss the common problems.

The Department's long struggle with the Department of Public Works over premises has been fully described. It does not seem that there was any serious friction in this matter, for it was recognized that the Department of Public Works was not itself responsible for space shortage, and in fact was very sympathetic and as cooperative as possible, and earned Pope's thanks and appreciation for the efforts that were made - in the East Block when work on windows was suspended so as not to disturb Pope, in adapting the Trafalgar Building to Pope's needs, and in endeavouring to provide suitable quarters in the East Block later, for which Mr. Hunter was thanked.

Thus the new Department of External Affairs, young and embryonic as it was, maintained reasonably good relations with each of the other Departments, except with that from which it had branched off. In the nature of things, the early difficulties with the "parent" Department of State were confused.

In certain respects, the reallocation of functions was made specific, and no difficulty arose. Certain fields of work, such as consular affairs and passport issuance, were indubitably transferred, although in the latter work there was some problem over the utilization of the seal, needed for passports but held in the custody of the