

shortcuts he told the Naval Chief of Staff that "I am afraid it would not do for me to suggest to the Prime Minister and the High Commissioner how they should conduct their correspondence." Faced with the back-log of Sir John A. Macdonald's unanswered correspondence with London he was greatly perturbed, as he was when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was dilatory in dealing with current overseas correspondence. He made a great to-do to Sir Robert Borden over the delayed replies from the Lieutenant-Governors, especially in Ontario, and sought in vain to have the channel of communication shifted from the Secretary of State's Department to his own Department. He was quickly angered by any delay or interference on the part of the Printing Bureau or the Editorial Committee of the Privy Council. He never found any fault with the operations of the Governor General's Office, which was reasonably efficient, except in a few minor instances of misaddressing mail to Charles Murphy, his titular chief, instead of to him. He was, of course, always impatient when desired files were not promptly forthcoming.

But, on the whole, his chief complaint was

(Cont'd): but never until I reached the impressive age of 60 years had I so dressed myself at that time of the day. One looks with envy even at the Communists, for as you know even they now sport a diplomatic uniform."

G. Glazebrook has added this gloss: "The practice of wearing evening dress instead of diplomatic uniform is horrible but all too common. Probably the the most grim example was at the last Coronation, where ushers in evening dress had to set out for the Abbey at about 5 or 6 a.m."

To this may be added the comment of Mr. W. Chipman, Canadian Ambassador to Chile: "I may say, as far as I can gather, that the wearing of a uniform down here on special occasions is appreciated. The Foreign Minister went out of his way to call attention to it. It adds to the colour of the only two shows down here, and certainly it is pleasant to be relieved from the necessity of wearing evening dress in the morning." (Chipman to Howard Measures, July 20, 1944. File 627-29).