

issuance when the Seal was in the East Block. His letters in 1913 again reveal his anxiety.

In a letter to Sir Robert Borden, dated January 18, he wrote:

You were kind enough to say today that I might send you a memorandum with reference to a suggestion of mine, which would facilitate matters as regards accommodation for the Department of External Affairs.

I quite recognize, from what you told me, the impracticability of obtaining quarters in the new extension of the East Block. Though somewhat disappointed, I see the difficulties in the way. At the same time my needs are very great. I am much crowded, and two of my rooms are so dark that the lights have to be turned on all the time. This has affected the eyesight of two of my clerks who have complained periodically, with justice, of the injury which is being done to their eyesight by having to work all day by artificial light.

Now, adjacent to my office, there are five or six rooms occupied by the Annuities Branch, formerly connected with the Department of Trade and Commerce, but, latterly, I understand transferred to the Postmaster General. It has occurred to me that without much difficulty suitable accommodation might be found elsewhere for this statistical branch, and the rooms given to me. This would enable me to expand a little, and ease the situation accordingly. I thought that perhaps you would not mind mentioning the matter to your colleagues, the Minister of Public Works and the Postmaster General. Between them I think this transfer could be managed without much difficulty, and it certainly would be an advantage to me and my staff.

In this letter Pope was acquiescing, for the time, in remaining in the Trafalgar Building, but was asking for greater space there, as his staff increased, his registry and files grew, and the passport business increased.

It does not appear that any actions resulted from this proposal for expansion in the Trafalgar Building; and the aspiration to return to the East Block continued.