

received my commission today and I am very much obliged to you for the care and pains you have bestowed upon it. It is a fine piece of work and I am quite proud of it." *

When three years later the amended Act relating to the Department of External Affairs was under debate, Senator Dandurand on January 31, 1912, took the opportunity of expressing his praise of Mr. Pope in his continuing position. "It is a commendable move," he said, "that this Department should be put under the direction of the Prime Minister. . . The appointment of the deputy Minister was a good one, and could not be improved upon. He will do honour to himself and to the country in the discharge

* A.M.P. Drouin had a gift for the most exquisite copper-plated handwriting, and his personal letters looked as though they had been printed in art script. This made his services as an engrosser of commissions, certificates, etc., invaluable. In August, 1908, Joseph Pope had procured for him a salary increase, for which he thanked Pope, saying, "Like many others who have received a favour and are tempted to ask for 'More', might I take the liberty of suggesting that in the new classification to be established in September, under Clause 8 of the Civil Service Act, my title of 'Chief Engrosser' be continued and definitely recognized; such a designation of my official duties will be in compliance with the Order-in-Council of the 6th July, 1887, and will be an inducement rather than a bar to my future advancement. I respectfully make the suggestion firmly convinced that your high sense of justice will assure its favourable consideration." No reply is on record.

Incidentally, Mr. Pope's opinion respecting commissions is reflected in the following letter dated 26th March, 1909, to Mr. F.C.T. O'Hara, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce:

I have yours of the 25th instant. The reason why you have not received your commission is that so far as I am aware you have not asked for one, and inasmuch as there is a fee of \$20 on these

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