

he had some difficulty in acquiring a typist. One of his earliest senior clerks, Mr. Brophy, soon left Pope to return to the Secretary of State's Department, then headed by Mr. Mulvey. Some of his lady-staff also dropped out and left him. On one occasion he wrote that he was unable to send over a certain book to a friend, because his only messenger was ill and he had no one to deliver it. After 1912 some of his staff were co-opted for service in the Prime Minister's Office, and he was deprived of their benefit in the Department. Largely for financial reasons, the establishment grew slowly; there were only two, or later three, officers until after the War was over - indeed until 1925, the year Pope retired; and the clerical staff, although steadily expanding and supplemented by temporaries and war-time special clerks, was apparently never quite sufficient for the Department's needs.

Pope was bitter that his own Assistant Under-Secretary, Mr. W.H. Walker, could not get formal recognition as such, or a salary that his position and qualities justified on a level with the Assistant Deputy Ministers of most of the other Departments; as he dejectedly said in a letter to Mr. Meighen:

You will see that, with the exception of one or two, they are all higher - most of them much higher - than the maximum assigned to Mr. Walker . . . There are other indications in the Civil Service classification of an apparently settled resolve to regard this Department as one of small account.";

and on Mr. Meighen's admission that "no practical step or remedy is available to me," Mr. Pope suggested that Mr. Meighen ask the Civil Service Commission "Why this