

of the Governor General, the Privy Council, the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State, and the Ministers of Finance, National Revenue and Interior. Later the Minister of Justice had his offices there, and the offices of the Government Insurance Branch moved in when the new wing was completed.

Sir John A. Macdonald made his headquarters in the East Block, under the main tower, as long as he was Prime Minister; and from 1882 Pope, as his private secretary, worked there until the death of the Old Chief-tain. Meanwhile he was for a time assistant clerk of the Privy Council, which gave him other tasks in the same building; and as Under-Secretary in the Secretary of State's Office, he still worked in the East Block from 1896 to 1909.

Because the new Department of External Affairs was an offshot of and so closely linked with the Office of the Secretary of State, Pope and all those concerned had taken it for granted that rooms would be allocated in this East Block for the new Department. Mr. Fielding had promised this in the very beginning. "Both the Premier and the Secretary of State", wrote Pope to the Deputy Minister of Public Works on June 28, 1909, "have all along considered that the natural, most suitable place for the Department of External Affairs is in the East Block, and on the same floor as the Offices of the Privy Council, the Prime Minister, the Governor General's Secretary, and my old department which are all more or less allied."

But these hopes were not to be realized,