

the Archives building was completed in 1907. The Archives continued as a branch of the Department of Agriculture until 1912, when, in virtue of the Public Archives Act of that year, it was transferred by Order-in-Council to the Department of the Secretary of State,¹ and the archivist was raised to the rank of a deputy minister." (1)

"Towards the close of the year 1912", writes Pope in a private memorandum found among his papers, "the Governor General in Council appointed a Royal Commission to enquire into the state of the records of the different public departments of the Government with a view to ascertaining the nature and extent of these records, their state of preservation, the use made of them in conducting public business, the state of the buildings and places wherein the documents are deposited, the space they occupy, the facilities of access thereto by the Departments of Government and by the public, and of the control exercised over the said records. This Commission consisted of Sir Joseph Pope (Chairman), Mr. E.F. Jarvis, and Dr. Doughty, the Dominion Archivist. They made an exhaustive enquiry and communicated the result of their labours to the Governor-in-Council in a report dated 3rd March, 1914, for which they were appropriately thanked by the Government." (2)

(1) Originally in the Bill "under the President of the Privy Council", but subsequently transferred to Secretary of State. (H. of C. Debates, January 19, 1912, p.1495).

(1) Pope: "The Federal Government". Canada and its Provinces. VI. pp.334-5.

Robert Laird Borden, His Memoirs. I. p.348.

(2) Pope Papers. No.765. May 16, 1918.