

Minister's Offices and the new Department. The personal relations between Pope and the Prime Ministers were most cordial, and almost intimate, and the relations between Pope and Walker, and the Prime Ministers' Private Secretaries, were also devoid of any confusion or misunderstanding. Pope indeed was, somewhat unusually, free to take many of his departmental troubles direct to the Prime Minister, could discuss them, or leave memoranda for him to consider, and generally received his sympathetic consideration and occasionally his beneficial intervention.

Nor were there any serious difficulties between the Privy Council and the Department of External Affairs. Questions of proper passing of papers to and from the various Departments and the Privy Council had been implicitly settled by the legislative reforms of 1909, and no friction seems to have arisen in this respect.

Note has already been made of Pope's quarrels, on several occasions, with the Printing Bureau, over costs and delays of printing, and over supplies of particular stationery. Pope chose to refer his complaints to the Prime Minister. He apparently was chiefly critical of the Assistant King's Printer, Mr. Cook. With the Editorial Committee, upon which Mr. Cook also sat, Pope had serious friction, on account of its interference with the printing of his Confidential Prints; and again he took his complaint to the Prime Minister, as well as to the President of the Privy Council, Mr. Rowell, and to the Minister of Trade and Commerce under whose Department the Printing Bureau operated. But these clashes with