

(There followed a paragraph, in answer to Mr. Bastedo's further enquiry, concerning the proper wearing of decorations; with evening dress there should preferably be miniatures (which could be bought for about £15, e.g. at Spinks in London), but full medals might be worn instead.)

#### 9. Clerk and Bureaucrat

It has been abundantly plain that the Department of External Affairs, so largely the creation of Sir Joseph Pope, was due at bottom to Pope's desire for better administrative efficiency. Wherever there were delays or bottlenecks in the handling of external business or correspondence, and particularly whenever complaints came back from London, or Washington, or Paris, over such delays which he deemed were a reflection on the administrative machinery in Ottawa, he felt a twinge. The slowness of mails was a feature over which there was no control. The cumbrousness of the routing of American correspondence via London was implicit in the constitutional imperial relationship, and, as an imperialist, this system was sacrosanct to Pope. Though he welcomed any

\* On this matter reference might be made to an even more amusing description of evening dress worn in the daytime in a despatch to the Department (No.47, January 25, 1951) from Lieut.-Gen. Maurice Pope, Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg, describing his official visit to the "last remaining Ruritania in Europe, by which name I think Luxembourg may not inappropriately be called". On the first evening there were several receptions and a torch-light procession. The following morning at the Cathedral Church, a solemn Te Deum was sung. "We then hurriedly changed clothes, because the Te Deum was a full-dress affair and your representative had had to attire himself in full evening dress. This ordeal is one to which I fear I shall never become accustomed. And on these occasions the thought always passes through my mind that I can remember having often enough wearily taken off a dress suit at about half-past nine in the morning (say, after a June Ball at Kingston)

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