

Murphy and Mr. Pope in the initial days of the new Department, were not perfect or ideal. If Mr. Pope were as sensitive concerning his role as the evidence suggests, this aspect, it may be assumed, might have added something to his disappointment and frustration. Nevertheless, too much emphasis should not be placed on this problem. Mr. Murphy's tenure was, as it turned out, only of short duration, - from October 10, 1908, until October 6, 1911; and he had a heavy burden of other duties - political and administrative - to preoccupy him. He may not have possessed so keenly the desire which Pope had to split the old Department for the greater efficiency of conducting the external business.

On the other hand, he was, at least formally, reasonably cooperative. He lent, during his absence from Ottawa, his own office-room to Pope; he loaned or transferred some of his clerical and messenger staff to Pope's Department. He supported - without avail - the common desire to find quarters for the new Department in the East Block, on grounds of obvious convenience. He approved Pope's requests to make certain staff appointments; he approved Pope's request for an extra telephone for Mr. Walker; he approved his request that he have his printing done outside the King's Printer Bureau; and he approved (after the Prime Minister had given Pope his consent) the temporary transfer to the Trafalgar Building when the East Block offices could not be obtained.

Mr. Murphy went out of office in 1911,\*

\* After a period of eleven years in Opposition, Murphy became Postmaster General, 1922-1926, in the Mackenzie King Government, and was appointed to the Senate on September 5, 1925.