

Senator Dandurand, in supporting the Bill in the Senate, likewise emphasized this difficulty over correspondence, pointing out that "the present deputy head, I would think from my own experience, had his hands full with the work that was already thrown on that Secretary of State's department. The late Secretary of State Senator Hon. Richard William Scott, if he were in his place, could describe the heavy work which falls upon the deputy minister through having to supervise the granting of letters patent, which he must examine closely." He went on to say, in respect to interdepartmental circulation of correspondence, "There is a number of subjects that cannot be easily classified by the representatives of those foreign nations, and I know that very often I have been approached by some of them to know to whom they should address themselves, and in most cases, when not exactly au fait, they have addressed themselves to the Prime Minister. I think this country is growing fast enough, and is getting to have outside communications of such volume and importance that it is absolutely necessary there should be a branch of the Department of State organized with a special name, which will herald to the world who is the official with whom the outsider should correspond; and that the representative of the government in this work should be clothed with the power of a deputy head, it seems to me desirable." (1)

(1) Senate Debates, April 29. 1909. p. 400