

to the matter. Some day the question will come up for decision, and there will be a precedent set either for or against the appointment of a Canadian to this high office.

The governor-general acts towards the houses of parliament of Canada in exactly the same way as the king acts towards the houses of parliament of Great Britain. The king nowadays has no power to do anything but what the houses of parliament wish. If they pass a bill, he must assent to it.

He does not sit in either of the houses, and is quite apart from them. But the leader of the government, that is, the person whom the House of Commons is willing to obey, is expected to tell the king about all important matters that are being discussed in parliament. The king can give advice to the leader of the government, and can warn him, if he thinks that he is leading parliament to make mistakes, but cannot refuse to do what parliament wishes. All discussions between the king and the leader of the government are kept absolutely secret. So nobody really knows what the king's opinions are.