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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA

MEMORANDUM

CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GENERAL :

Part III of the British North America Act, 1867, comprising Sections 9 to 16, both inclusive, deals with the Executive Power.

Section 9 provides that the Executive Power and Authority of and over Canada is declared to continue and be vested in the Queen.

Section 10 is as follows :

"The Provisions of this Act referring to the Governor General extend and apply to the Governor General for the Time being of Canada, or other the Chief Executive Officer or Administrator for the Time being carrying on the Government of Canada on behalf and in the Name of the Queen, by whatever Title he is designated."

Section 14 states that it shall be lawful for the Queen to authorize the Governor General to appoint any Person or Persons jointly or severally to be his Deputy or Deputies within any Part or Parts of Canada and in that Capacity to exercise, during the Pleasure of the Governor General, such of the Powers,

Authorities, and Functions of the Governor General as the Governor General deems it necessary or expedient to assign to him or them, subject to any Limitations or Directions expressed or given by the Queen; but the Appointment of such a Deputy or Deputies shall not affect the Exercise by the Governor General himself of any Power, Authority, or Function.

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