

Prerogative:

No resolution or act which would take from the Monarch any prerogative of the Crown would be constitutionally legal.

.....so King George could refuse an award to any Canadian whom he considered unsuitable for his honor. That is a matter that is entirely in his own hands. Even to suggest to him that he should not use his prerogative.....does not show that loyalty to the Crown of which Canadians boast.

It is not generally realized that the prerogatives of the Crown are inviolate still. What has happened has been that in the evolution of the constitutional and democratic monarchy which now exists the Monarch has agreed to put the prerogatives in abeyance and not to use them, in order that free play may be given to the expressed desire of the nation.

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