

after casting their votes. They retain their corporate authority intact, exercise a vigilant supervision over the administration of public affairs, and may at any time revoke their mandate. On the other hand the prime minister possesses, in the power of dissolution, a weapon which he can sometimes effectively employ to strengthen his position, while under responsible government the influence of the crown is ever present to moderate the violence of opposing factions, and to serve as a perpetual reminder to our public men that there is a higher allegiance than that of party. In this admirable system of checks and balances the true excellence of the Canadian form of government is to be found.

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