

important matters, amendments to the British North America Act still require an Act of the British Parliament, which, however, is passed automatically whenever Canada requests it. The federal and provincial governments, despite repeated efforts, have as yet been unable to agree on an amending formula which would place the whole amending process in Canada.

Governors-General

The Governor-General represents the Queen in Canada as Head of State. While his office is mainly ceremonial, he may, occasionally, have to perform certain vital functions. For instance, if a Prime Minister dies, or resigns due to illness, the Governor-General must choose a new Prime Minister from the party in power until the party can elect a new leader; and, if a government defeated in an election asked for a fresh election before the new Parliament could meet, the Governor-General could refuse. Since 1952, with the appointment of the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, appointees to the post of Governor-General have been Canadian born.

The top professional awards in Canadian football (the Grey Cup) and hockey (the Stanley Cup) were gifts of Earl Grey and Lord Stanley to the respective amateur sports of their day.

Governors-General since 1867:

Viscount Monck	1867—1868
Lord Lisgar (Sir John Young)	1868—1872
The Earl of Dufferin	1872—1878
The Marquis of Lorne	1878—1883
The Marquis of Lansdowne	1883—1888
Lord Stanley of Preston	1888—1893
The Earl of Aberdeen	1893—1898