

Objections to Titles

A blow at citizenship;

Not adding dignity to a real man, e.g. Gladstone, Bright, Cobden,  
Burke, Edward Blake,  
Alexander Mackenzie.

Public opinion against it;

Labouring men and agriculturists need recognition today;

Knighthood sprang from principle of obligation;

Titles given for attainment of influential positions - lead to  
corruption;

Do not necessarily mean merit rewarded - bought and sold;

No Prime Minister of government can determine where awards shall  
go and from whom shall be withheld, or relative qualities  
of service and sacrifice of one man or another;

Lends itself to ostentation and show, swank and snobbery - false  
standards; price, not value;

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