

Consequences of an  
election

If the party forming the Government before the election wins a majority or has the largest number of seats in the new House of Commons, the members of the Cabinet must be sworn in again. Even when a general election returns the same party to power, the makeup of the Cabinet usually changes.

If another party wins a majority or has the largest number of seats in the new House of Commons, the Prime Minister within a few weeks submits his resignation and that of his Cabinet to the Governor General with a recommendation that the leader of the winning party be called on to form a Government.

The Parliamentary system, combined with the Canadian electoral system, appears to have served Canada well. During more than 100 years of Canadian federation it has, by and large, produced Governments responsive to the will of the people and capable of developing long-range policies.

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