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Special Articles

### The Governor-General

THE announcement that the Duke of Connaught will leave Canada shortly, and be succeeded by the Duke of Devonshire, seems to have come to many people as a surprise. The Duke of Connaught has already over-stayed the time contemplated when he was appointed, and there was a widespread impression that no change would be made in the office during the war. It was generally understood that the selection of the Duke of Connaught for the Governor-General's position had its origin in the mind of his brother, the late King Edward. The King's death necessitated some readjustment of the arrangements of the Royalties, but the contemplated appointment was adhered to, qualified, however, by an intimation that His Royal Highness would remain in Canada for only a part of the usual term. The outbreak of war again upset a

ing for the performance of very arduous duties. For this conception there is no warrant. Even in the Mother Country the political power of the King in these days is but the shadow of what it once was. It is the Ministers, not the King, who govern. The King, who is King for life, may acquire a measure of personal influence among Ministers and public men that cannot be as readily obtained by a Viceroy who spends a short time in one of the Dominions. The representative of His Majesty what is known as a Crown Colony called upon to exercise important functions. In India the Secretary of State can play a considerable part in the moulding of public opinion in the governing Dominion and there is less room for the views of the Governor-General. In the