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would seem clear that the Chief Justice could assume office as Administrator and carry out all the duties and functions of the Governor General.

It may be remembered that when the present Governor General went to England in July 1938, the Chief Justice also being absent from the country, the late Mr. Justice Cannon, being the Senior Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, assumed the duties of Administrator and performed them until the return of the Chief Justice to Canada early in August. When Sir Lyman Duff returned to Canada, he took over the administration from Mr. Justice Cannon and continued to serve as Administrator until His Excellency returned to Canada in the month of October.

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