

offence in any court, or before any Judge, Justice, or Magistrate, administering the laws of Canada, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any respite of the execution of the sentence of any such offender, for such period as to Our Governor General may seem fit, and to remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures which may become due and payable to Us. And We do hereby direct and enjoin that Our Governor General shall not pardon or reprove any such offender without first receiving in capital cases the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada and, in other cases, the advice of one, at least, of his Ministers.

Power reserved to His Majesty to issue Exequaturs.

XIII. And We do further authorize and empower Our Governor General to issue Exequaturs, in Our name and on Our behalf, to Consular Officers of foreign countries to whom Commissions of Appointment have been issued by the Heads of States of such countries.

Governor General's absence.

XIV. And whereas great prejudice may happen to Our Service and to the security of Canada by the absence of Our Governor General, he shall not quit Canada without having first obtained leave from Us for so doing through the Prime Minister of Canada.

Power reserved to His Majesty to revoke, alter or amend the present Letters Patent.

XV. And We do hereby reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, full power and authority from time to time to revoke, alter, or amend these Our Letters Patent as to Us or them shall seem meet.

Publication of Letters Patent.

XVI. And We do further direct and enjoin that these Our Letters Patent shall be read and proclaimed at such place or places within Canada as Our Governor General shall think fit.

Coming into effect of Letters Patent.

XVII. And We do further declare that these Our Letters Patent shall take effect on the first day of October, 1947.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and for the greater testimony and validity thereof, We have caused Our Great Seal of Canada to be affixed to these presents, which We have signed with Our Royal Hand.

GIVEN the eighth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven and in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND,

"W. L. MACKENZIE KING",  
Prime Minister of Canada.

APPENDICES

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA

In Effect Prior to October 1, 1947.

CANADA

A. LETTERS PATENT DATED MARCH 23, 1931

LETTERS PATENT passed under the Great Seal of the Realm, constituting the Office of the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

Dated: 23rd March, 1931.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India; To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

Whereas by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date at Westminster the Fifteenth day of June, 1905, His Late Majesty King Edward the Seventh did constitute, order, and declare that there should be a Governor General in and over Our Dominion of Canada, and that the person filling the said office of Governor General should be from time to time appointed by Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet;

Preamble. Recites Letters Patent of 15th June, 1905.

And whereas it is Our Will and pleasure to revoke the said Letters Patent, and to substitute other provisions in place thereof:

Now therefore We do by these presents revoke and determine the said recited Letters Patent, and everything therein contained, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder:

Revokes Letters Patent of 15th June, 1905.

And We do declare Our Will and pleasure as follows:

1. We do hereby constitute, order, and declare that there shall be a Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Dominion of Canada (hereinafter called Our said Dominion), and appointments to the said office shall be made by Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet.

Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief constituted.

And We do hereby authorize and command Our said Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief (hereinafter called Our said Governor-General) to do and execute, in due manner, all things that shall belong to his said office, and to the trust We have reposed in him, according to the several powers and authorities granted or appointed him by virtue of "The British North America Act, 1867," and of these present Letters Patent and of such Commission as may be issued to him under Our Sign Manual and Signet, and according to such Instructions as may from time to time be given to him under Our Sign Manual and Signet and to such Laws as are or shall hereafter be in force in Our said Dominion.

His powers and authorities.

LETTERS PATENT constituting the Office of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the DOMINION OF CANADA.