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History of

Confederation to 1918

Re: Recommendation by Governor General or Prime Minister;

From Confederation to 1902:

In first place -

duty was on Governor General to advise,
apart from Prime Minister.

Lord Monk - Sir John - K.C.B.
Cartier - C.B. - Bart.
Galt - C.B. - K.C.M.G.

Exercise of prerogative -

the result of correspondence between Governor General
and Colonial Secretary, and on recommendation by the
former usually, but not invariably, after consultation
with Prime Minister.

No settled principle or constitutional responsibility.

1902:

Order in Council in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's day

precluded recommendations being made by the British
Government

and required them to be by the Governor General on
the advice of responsible Ministers.

Joseph Chamberlain - Colonial Secretary:

"responsibility for making recommendations to the Sovereign
in regard to appointments to an Imperial Order, such as
that of St. Michael and St. George, rests with the Secretary
of State, not with your Ministers; it is his duty to obtain
the best advice he can, and he must be the sole judge of
what is the best advice."

1918:

Also by Order in Council in Sir Robert Borden's day

requiring recommendations to be on advice of Prime Minister.
The honours that started the row in 1918 were not on the advice of
the Canadian Prime Minister at all.