

Judiciary:

If knighthoods are to be conferred in Canada, it is fitting that distinguished members of the judiciary should be chosen for the distinction.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice of Quebec no doubt deserve the honor if anybody does. But either position is a greater distinction than a knighthood.

Some may say that the knighthood is the greater honor because it is conferred by the King. But so is the judgeship. Both are in exactly the same position, the Crown acting on the advice of responsible Ministers in Canada.

There is no office in the Dominion clothed with such respect as that of Chief Justice of Canada. It is second only to that of representative of His Majesty.

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