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In the first place, Governors-General of Dominions are no longer appointed solely on the advice of British Ministers. On the contrary, it is now a constitutional convention that the Ministers of the Dominion concerned shall be consulted also before the appointment of a Governor is made. It is even said that on a recent occasion, when a list of candidates was submitted to the Canadian Government by the British Secretary of State, the Canadian Government rejected the whole list and put forward a nomination of its own which was accepted. If that is true, it means that on that occasion at least the King's representative in a Dominion was in reality chosen on the advice not of British but of Dominion Ministers. It may well be that this precedent, if it is a precedent, will in time harden into a new constitutional convention of the governmental system of the Commonwealth.

Second, quite apart from the method of his appointment, the position of the Governor-General of a Dominion in the system of the Commonwealth has been radically changed by the Imperial Conference Report of 1926. Until then the Governor-General had been in theory, and to a certain though restricted extent in practice, the representative in his Dominion of the British Government. This he is to be no longer.

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