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## Regrets Party Controversy Over Titles for Canadians

**"Various Grades of Knighthood, Etc., Are Recognized Awards For Essential Work Which Is None Too Well Paid," Says London Times Defending Action.**

(Canadian Press Cable.)  
LONDON, Jan. 1.—"It is to be regretted there should be anything like party controversy over what many regard as one of the most interesting features in an unusually interesting honors list, namely, the reappearance of a number of His Majesty's Canadian subjects," says the London Times today in commenting on the awarding of honors to Canadians for the first time in 15 years.  
"No doubt any longer remains that in the domestic affairs of Canada the appropriate sole advisers of the King are his Canadian ministers," the newspaper continues. "Finally, practical experience has shown grave inconvenience is imposed by the self-denying ordinance on those responsible for the administration of a great

country with strong British traditions.  
"The various grades of knighthood, etc., are recognized awards for essential work which is none too well paid and must often otherwise be obscure. The argument which rightly perpetuates them in Britain becomes more insistent in the case of the dominions, where the need for honest public service is just as great and the supply of men with the necessary qualities and inclination far smaller.  
"The only real alternative to honors is money," the Times says, "which means either extravagance or corruption, and it is to be hoped the bulk of Canadians will come to understand the choice. Premier Bennett's action seems to have been carefully considered, and the day may come when his present political opponents will find themselves grateful to him for his courage."

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