

7. A CABINET OR MINISTRY is a collective body of statesmen selected by the Prime Minister, who, with him, direct the government of the nation.

By constitutional usage the members of a British or Canadian Cabinet must have seats in Parliament, and their opinions on the leading questions of the times must agree in the main with the opinions of the majority of the House of Commons. The Ministers are answerable to Parliament for all their acts. This is what is termed Responsible Government.

8. THE PREMIER OR PRIME MINISTER is the principal Minister of State. He is chosen by the Sovereign (or representative), and is the head of the Cabinet or Ministry.

9. A PARLIAMENT is the legislative assembly of the House of Lords, or the Senate and the House of Commons.

10. THE SPEAKER is the individual chosen by the Commons to preside over their actions while in session.

11. A SESSION is the part of the year during which Parliament deliberates over the affairs of the nation and frames laws.

12. A BILL is a statement of a proposed law.

13. AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT is a Bill that has been passed or agreed to by both Houses, and to which the signature of the Sovereign, or the Governor has been attached.

14. To ADJOURN Parliament is to grant the members recess for a certain time, at the end of which may meet and resume any unfinished business, as if there had been no adjournment.