

accordance with the British system of Parliamentary Institutions.

By this Act, the Imperial Parliament practically gave to the Dominion Parliament the largest possible rights which can be exercised by a Colonial dependency of legislating on all matters of importance to the Union generally. The position Canada consequently occupies is that of a semi-independent power.

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The powers vested in the Parliament of Canada are set forth in the 91st section of the Confederation Act, which provides that the Queen, with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons, may “ make laws for the peace, order, and good government of Canada, in relation to all matters not coming within the classes of subjects by this Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces”; and, for greater certainty, it is declared that “ the exclusive legislative authority of the