

On the Succession of Governors-General

Canada's Monarch--enthroned til breath ends,
Enjoys Crown's Prerogative to be absent
For "The Speech from the Throne" and "Royal Assent,"
And delegates these Head-of-State functions

To Governors-General, for five-year terms
(Or "at pleasure" *via* the Crown's advice),
To ensure Parliament's active service:
Good Governance Excellency confirms.

The Sovereign--overseas--may feel assured

That Canada's Government presides as planned--

Responsive to legislative demand--

Passing laws sanctioned by the Sovereign's word.

Thus, Governors-General oversee now,
While Sovereigns survive, yet never outlive
Canada's Constitution. Let all give
Praise for Excellency's most royal, loyal vow:

To guarantee The People's *Excellence*:
Parliamentary, Democratic *Governance*.