

A writer in the *Magazine of American History* says, "such a career of more than 38 years in the Royal service was remarkable for that day; and when the nature of the service is examined, it becomes more remarkable. For Nicholson, in his Maryland and Carolina experience, had to deal with what was one of the most difficult problems of colonial policy—proprietary governments; while on his Virginia governorship he had to contend with the spirit of growing democracy. That he was successful in the one and unsuccessful in the other is no condemnation of his general capacity for leadership. Perhaps a suave, gentle nature might have placated Virginia, but the rugged force of a soldier was needed to give peace to Carolina, while his leaning to the church and education gave him an influence in Maryland apart from his mere authority. His very ambitions gave him strength, for he foresaw the necessity of uniting the English colonies against the French settlements, and while the means at his disposal were inadequate to carry out his aims, a generation had hardly passed when the encroachments of the French led to the first public employment of Washington to check them. In the light of subsequent history we can give great praise to Nicholson's political foresight and his generous aid to the gentler arts of peace. If his personal failings have given him a bad name, his good deeds should be remembered, and in that remembrance should participate New England, New York, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina." To this list may be added the Maritime provinces of Eastern Canada.

52. The following is a list of the Governors General of Canada since Confederation, with the dates of their respective appointments:—

GOVERNORS GENERAL OF CANADA.

NAME.	Date of Appointment.	Date of Assumption of Office.
The Rt. Hon. Viscount Monck, G. C. M. G . . . . .	June 1, 1867	July 1, 1867
The Rt. Hon. Lord Lisgar, G. C. M. G. (Sir John Young) . . . . .	Dec. 29, 1868	Feb. 2, 1869
The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dufferin, K. P., K. C. B., G. C. M. G. . . . .	May 22, 1872	June 25, 1872
The Rt. Hon. the Marquis of Lorne, K. T., G. C. M. G., P. C., &c. . . . .	Oct. 5, 1878	Nov. 25, 1878
The Most Hon. the Marquis of Lansdowne, G. C. M. G., &c. . . . .	Aug. 18, 1883	Oct. 23, 1883
The Rt. Hon. Lord Stanley of Preston,* G. C. B. . . . .	May 1, 1888	June 11, 1888
The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, K. T., G. C. M. G. . . . .	May 22, 1893	Sept. 18, 1893

\* Succeeded to the Earldom of Derby on the death of his brother, April 21st, 1893.

53. The succeeding tables give the names of the present members of the Dominion Government, arranged according to precedence, and of the members of the Privy Council, and the dates of the opening and closing of each session composing the different Parliaments since Confederation.