

**Admiral Sir Charles Edmund Kingsmill, Kt**  
**First Director of the Royal Canadian Navy**  
**1913 to 1920**

Born:	07 July 1855	Guelph, Ontario
Oldest Son:	RCN 1915	LCdr Walter Juchereau Kingsmill – Commanded 4 RCN Ships
Died:	15 July 1935	Portland, Ontario

**Honour**

11/05/1918	Kt	Knight Bachelor	
19/12/1917+	Grand Officer	The Crown of Italy	(Italy)
Date not found	Officer	Legion d'Honneur	(France)
1884	4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Order of Osmanieh	(Sudan)

**Military**

24 September	1869	Naval Cadet	RN	HMS Britannia at Dartmouth (age 14)
20 June	1871	Midshipman	RN	Serving on <b>HMS Ariadne</b>
09 October	1872	Midshipman	RN	Serving on <b>HMS Topaz</b>
21 July	1874	Midshipman	RN	Serving on HMS Bellerophon
20 December	1875	Sub-Lieutenant	RN	Service on <b>HMS Bullfinch, Druid, Aboukir &amp; Dryads</b>
01 September	1876	Sub-Lieutenant	RN	Sub-Lieutenant Qualifying Course, Greenwich
05 September	1877	Lieutenant	RN	Serving on <b>HMRV Victoria and Albert</b>
21 October	1878	Lieutenant	RN	Service on <b>HMS Research</b>
30 September	1879	Lieutenant	RN	Torpedo Specialist Course, Greenwich
21 October	1879	Lieutenant	RN	HMS Vernon
	1883	Lieutenant	RN	First Lieutenant in <b>HMS Arab</b>
	1884	Lieutenant	RN	Vice-Consul and British Agent at Zeyla in the Sudan
05 June	1885	Lieutenant	RN	Service on HMS Cormorant
10 October	1885	Lieutenant	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Cormorant</b> after Captain's death – to 20/11/1888
05 February	1890	Lieutenant	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Goldfinch</b>
30 June	1891	Commander	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Majestic</b>
12 November	1892	Commander	RN	Dockyard Reserve HMS Victory
06 October	1893	Commander	RN	Executive Officer <b>HMS Immortalité</b> (Cruiser) – Channel Squadron
26 May	1894	Commander	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Blenheim</b>
27 August	1895	Commander	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Archer</b> (Cruiser)
01 August	1898	Commander	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Immortalité</b> (Cruiser)
31 December	1898	Captain	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Dominion</b>
27 February	1900	Captain	RN	Royal Naval College, Greenwich, half pay to study
12 June	1900	Captain	RN	HMS Victory for a Signal Course
10 July	1900	Captain	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Gibraltar</b>
10 September	1900	Captain	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Mildura</b> (on the Australian Station)
09 January	1905	Captain	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Majestic</b>
14 March	1906	Captain	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Dominion</b>
08 May	1907	Captain	RN	Commanding Officer <b>HMS Repulse</b> & Division of Special Service Vessels
12 May	1908	Rear-Admiral	RN	to Canada with Dept Marine & Fisheries * \ Davenport
12 September	1908	Rear-Admiral	RN	Placed on Royal Navy Retired List
17 May	1913	Vice-Admiral	RCN	Promoted VAdm as Director of Naval Service of Canada - RN on loan RCN *
03 April	1917	Admiral	RCN	Director Naval Services of Canada
31 December	1920	Admiral	RCN	Retired



\* He came to Canada on loan from the Royal Navy to command the Marine Services of the Department of Marine and Fisheries

\* With the formation of the Naval Services of Canada, he became the Director of the Services and held this position throughout World War One until retiring in 1921.

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**1913 to 1920**KINGSMILL, Charles Edmund, Admiral - Knight Bachelor (Kt) - RN (seconded RCN) - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 11 May 1918.

"Awarded for outstanding services as the Director of Naval Services of Canada 1910 - 1921."

**MEDALS:**

Kt (no medal awarded when he was knighted)  
African General Service Medal (bar Somaliland 1902 - 1904)  
Egypt Medal (1884-1885)  
Khedive's Star for service in Egypt  
Grand Officer, Order of the Crown of Italy  
Officer, Legion of Honour (France)  
4<sup>th</sup> Class, Order of Osmanieh (Sudan)

