

Dominion, notwithstanding such local powers as are given to the local legislatures.

But now, my Lords, I desire to say a few words with reference to the question of its coming within the regulation of trade and commerce. Now, my learned friend has, I think, not dealt with the argument which I desire to put before your Lordships, that whatever limitation you put upon the regulation of trade and commerce, it is competent to the Dominion Parliament to regulate trade and commerce in any matter in which the peace, order, and good government of the Dominion is concerned. If the real and true object of the legislation be the peace, order, and good government of the whole of Canada, and if with that end in view some trade, or all trades are regulated throughout the Dominion, that is a matter in terms given to the Dominion Parliament of Canada. Now, let us see how that has been exercised already. Take the Statute which was under consideration in *The Citizens' Insurance Company v. Parsons*, which was in no way disapproved by that judgment. The Dominion Parliament of Canada had said, in order for the general safety and to prevent people being swindled by bubble companies, no Insurance Company shall carry on business in the Dominion without a license; that license being granted by the Dominion Government. Of course, these Insurance Companies carried on their business in the provinces; there was nowhere else for them to carry it on, it may be in one or it may be in all. But the Parliament said, you shall not carry on your business without a license from the Dominion Government, and certainly no suggestion was made by this Board in that case that the law was invalid, because that would have been an easy solution of the matter. Instead of that, the Court proceeded to show that the Legislation in the particular case was not inconsistent with the general Dominion legislation. There you had a regulation of a particular business, in the way of requiring a license, by the Dominion Parliament, for the general good of the Dominion. What is the distinction in principle between that case and the present case, saying that no one shall carry on a particular business in the Dominion without getting a license, the requiring that license by the Dominion Parliament being for the same purpose, the good government of the country? I submit it is very difficult to draw any distinction between the two. That Act was valid as coming within the regulation of trade and commerce for the public good; and so I should submit that the present case comes equally within the regulation of trade and