

Extracts from a proposed report of the Minister of Justice submitted as a statement of objections to the Premier of Ontario (Hodgins, 1899-1900, page 14) :—"It has been the policy of the Parliament and Government of Canada for many years, to incorporate companies for the purpose of doing business throughout the Dominion or in two or more provinces thereof, not only as to matters relating strictly to the enumerated subjects of Dominion jurisdiction, but also as to those matters which, if limited to the territory of any one province, would be within the exclusive legislative authority of that province. This jurisdiction in the Dominion arises, in the opinion of the undersigned, not only under the general authority of the Dominion relating to the peace, order and good government of Canada, but also as affecting the regulation of trade and commerce, a subject specially assigned to the exclusive legislative authority of Canada."

Page 16:—"For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned considers that this Act ought not to be allowed to remain as it stands, and he hopes that the Provincial Government, upon the matter being called to its attention, will promote legislation to amend the Act so as to repeal those provisions which require Dominion corporations and those of old Canada to procure provincial licenses and forbid them from doing business otherwise."

Page 23:—Letter from Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, to Hon. G. W. Ross, M.P.P., dated March 19, 1901.

"I have your letter of the 18th instant, with reference to extra-provincial corporations. I think that you have overlooked some of the objections to that Bill. What we contend is that the regulation of trade and commerce is with us, and that you undertake to treat the Dominion corporations which we have the right to create, for the purpose of trade, in a way different from that in which you treat the corporations called into existence by your own authority. The question is not, whether you have the power to tax Dominion corporations more than you do those of the local legislature created for a similar purpose, but whether we ought to permit the policy of the Dominion to be frustrated by unjust provincial legislation. You have only to