jurisdiction.

Moreover, I think that the question is in reality concluded by the case of Madden v. The Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company. It was there contended that because the Dominion did not choose to enact certain legislation regarding the fencing of railways which the Provincial Legislature thought was desirable, that the Legislature could in the absence of such legislation on the part of the Dominion, temporarily at all events, pass such laws under its power over civic rights. It was held that it would be impossible to maintain the authority of the Dominion Parliament if the Legislature was to be permitted to enter into the former's field of legislation.

I am unable to distinguish this case in principle from that case. Obviously the proper course for the local authorities is not to attempt to pass legislation affecting the hunting by Indians on their reserves or to apply general legislation regarding game to such to Indians, but if necessary to apply the proper law-making authority and make any representations that they may see fit.

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