

question as to whether a Provincial Legislature is omnipotent within its sphere will still remain for adjudication.

If the highest tribunal holds that it is omnipotent, that it can do as it likes with property even to the extent, as Judge Riddell said, of depriving the rightful owner of it and giving it to someone else; that it can establish State competition with private enterprise to which the Government, under another name, had pledged its word that there should be no State competition; that it can authorize and encourage the municipalities to embark on costly ventures of public ownership and then over-reach them in its contracts, besides declaring white what the courts have pronounced black, or denying those who suffer from its legislation the liberty to go to the courts at all—in that event, of course, it will be incumbent on all who have or expect to have a stake in the country to agitate for amendments to the constitution. As "Bystander" observes, we have not by crossing the ocean to a British dominion forfeited the protection of Magna Charta, and must recover it somehow if we are to be really free.

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