

This Act is to some extent subject to remarks similar to those which have been made with regard to chapter 19. It requires traders not permanently residing within the province, but doing business there as commercial travellers, before entering upon their business within the province, to pay to the provincial treasurer an annual license fee or direct tax of \$20, and in case the goods to be sold consists of liquor, the license fee is to be \$200. The Act 57 Vic., chapter 4, contained the same provisions in effect, except that the license fee was \$15 in all cases. That Act having been left to its operation, and not having been altered in principle by the amendment, although the amendment increases the license fee in ordinary cases by \$5, and in the case of liquor by \$185, the undersigned does not feel called upon to advise disallowance. Any question which may arise as to whether the law as it stands is competent to the legislature, may be conveniently determined by the courts. The question as to whether Your Excellency's government ought to interfere as a matter of policy is not so clearly established, particularly in view of the course taken with respect to the original Act as to lead the undersigned to suppose that Your Excellency would exercise your authority upon that ground.

The undersigned therefore recommends that all these statutes be left to their operation, and that a copy of this report, if approved, be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor of the province for the information of his government.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minister of Justice.