

6. Uncertainties as to Dominion and Provincial Powers.

Now it may seem as if everything had been carefully provided for, so that no dispute could ever arise between a province and the Dominion in regard to the subjects about which they have a right to legislate. But it is just here that some of the greatest difficulties have been encountered. Many matters were not carefully enough stated in the constitution, and, as a consequence, the courts have had to do a great deal of work in determining whether the Dominion or the provinces have the power to legislate in certain cases. For example, one of the very important questions for a long time in doubt was, how far the provinces could go in making laws about the sale of intoxicating liquors. This question has been at last decided, and it is now known that the provinces are allowed to restrict and practically to prohibit the sale in certain well-defined ways.

In concluding this topic, we may observe that the laws of our province have much more to do with our ordinary life and its happiness than