

were to inspect these staple articles of industry. They are locally situated and working in the Province, but they are Dominion Officers because the purpose is a Dominion one. That, I submit to your Lordships, is the real test. If the purpose is a Dominion one, then they are the Dominion Officers, and the money raised to pay them is Dominion taxation, if it is taxation at all. All these questions of whether they are Dominion Officers or not, and whether the taxation is legitimate or not, is really, as I venture to submit, arguing in a circle. If the legislation is Dominion Legislation competent to the Dominion Parliament, then the people appointed to carry out the work do their work as Dominion Officers and not Provincial, and the money raised for that purpose is for a Dominion purpose, and not a Provincial purpose. If you can once establish that the matter is not within the competence of the Dominion Parliament, then *cadet quæstio*; but I venture to submit one gets no nearer by going into these questions of the officers or the taxation; because it cannot be disputed that for Dominion purposes you may appoint Dominion Officers whom you may locally appoint to act within any part of the Province or exclusively within a whole Province. They are the Dominion Officers, and not Provincial Officers, and it cannot be disputed that, if the matter is a matter that the Dominion Parliament is competent to legislate upon, it can raise by taxation in any way it pleases the money to carry out that purpose.

The LORD CHANCELLOR: I suppose the only thing would be that one might say it is a legitimate source from which to expound the language of the section to see what would be the result, and to see if this was so, whether you would be interfering in the Province with the ordinary course of daily life.

Sir FARRER HERSCHEL: Every law really which affects the whole Dominion, interferes with daily life in some way or other there. You could not more interfere with daily life than to enable the people in a locality to prohibit drink, because it is not done by everybody in a locality, but by a majority in the locality. That interferes with the daily life. It does not interfere with the daily life so much when they limit the amount of drink, as it does when they prohibit it altogether, and the latter legislation has been held competent to the Dominion Parliament. But what I was rather trying, if I could for the purpose of clearness, to keep separate, was this. I cannot help thinking that there is a danger of some confusion when one goes to look at this question of Dominion Officers or Provincial Officers and the Provincial taxation. If this is really a Provincial purpose, and if in reality