

suites. The federal authorities in Ottawa knew these, but Ottawa was not a Federal District like Washington and Mexico City, but was a double town, of Ottawa on one side of the river, in Ontario, and of Hull on the other side, in Quebec province. Partly through ignorance and partly in exercise of provincial "states rights" regardless of federal or "national" rules of conduct, the provinces, and even the municipal authorities, were reluctant to grant any exceptional immunities, such as taxation or licenses, to the foreign diplomats. Privileges and immunities as regards traffic offences, customarily recognized in other countries, were not willingly granted; C.D. automobile licenses and identification plates were scarcely honoured, and ordinary provincial car licenses had to be purchased by the diplomats according to their place of residence and registration. Provincial and municipal taxes were indiscriminately levied. Even the local dog-licenses had to be purchased; the so-called taxes paid. To the diplomats' protest, over this non-immunity, the Dominion Government, failing to overrule the provincial practices, had to advise the diplomats to pay their taxes and licenses, and then by way of compromise, undertook to reimburse the diplomats their costs, out of federal funds; the Federal Government alone recognizing the customary immunities under international law and convention. Thus, for example, the anachronism followed that the foreign diplomats paid their taxes to the municipality or province, while the Federal Government, through

~~(1) The departmental files are complete with correspondence on this subject and records, and reimbursement for costs of dog taxes paid by foreign diplomats.~~