

The Governor in Council may refer any matter to the Supreme Court for an opinion which he deems advisable in the public interest.

It has also jurisdiction in cases of controversies between the Dominion and the Provinces, and between Provinces on condition that the Legislature of such Provinces pass an Act agreeing to such jurisdiction.

Either House of Parliament may also refer to this Court any Private Bill for its report thereon.

This Court is composed of a Chief Justice, and five *puînés* Judges, two of whom, at least, must be appointed from the Bench or Bar of the Province of Quebec, and all of whom must reside at or within five miles of the City of Ottawa, where the Court holds its sittings three times a year, viz. : in February, May, and October.

From the decisions of the Supreme Court, an appeal lies, except in criminal cases, to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, in England.