

and to be a recognized authority therein is Professor A. V. Dicey, K.C., D.C.L. It is scarcely necessary to remind our readers that Mr. Dicey is also Vinerian Professor of English Law at the University of Oxford, Hon. LL.D. of Cambridge, Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities, and the author of various learned treatises, such as Dicey's Conflict of Laws, Private and International Law, The Constitution of England, Law and Public Opinion, The Privy Council, etc., etc.

The writer on the subject in the *Toronto Sun*, desiring the fullest information on the subjects above referred to from the best source, decided to secure the opinion of this learned jurist on a series of questions which bring up all the important issues which have come up in this connection. Having obtained this opinion, the editor of that journal has kindly sent us a copy of it, and permits us to publish it in full in our columns. This we gladly do.

The appeal for disallowance in the Mining Case was of no avail, although its objectionable character was commented upon; but, in the opinion of Professor Dicey, the Act so summarily disposing of all litigation in the other matter presents a much stronger case for interference. Certainly such a well-reasoned and unprejudiced utterance as that now given by this eminent authority would doubtless have weight in the consideration of any petition for the disallowance of the strange, unfair and un-British legislation of the Whitney Government known as the Hydro-Electric Commission Amendment Act of 1909.

En passant we would call attention to the fact that the power to disallow under the British North America Act is not given to the Governor-General in Council, but simply to the "Governor-General." It may be that the intention was that he, apart from the Cabinet of the Dominion, should, as representing the Crown, have the power to disallow objectionable legislation of his own motion, thus bringing the consideration of such matters into a sphere free from any possible pressure of party politics. This is a point which does not as yet seem to have been discussed.