

Majesty, and not to this Board; and that no such jurisdiction can be conferred upon their lordships, who are merely the advisers of the Queen, by any legislation either of the Dominion or of the Provinces of Canada." Now we will not enlarge upon that which we have characterized as a simple slip of the draftsman beyond saying that Canadian legislation as a whole bears favorable comparison in point of correctness and congruity with the Acts inscribed upon the Imperial rotuli parliamentorum from the time of Edward I. to date. But concerning the view that by the provision in question the Federal and Provincial legislatures attempted to confer appellate jurisdiction upon Her Majesty in Council, we desire to say that to a mind not entirely nubilose it is quite erroneous. We venture to think that it is reasonably clear from the language used that the legislatures merely endeavored to indicate beyond all doubt that their intention was not to limit the appeal from the Board of Arbitrators to the Supreme Court of Canada (as it was quite competent for them to do), but that, if desired, an appeal to Her Majesty in Council might be had, by leave, as in ordinary cases where appeals are taken from the judgments of the Supreme Court. Obviously this provision was inserted in the three enactments *ex abundanti cautela*; and it should have so presented itself to Lord Watson. But he seems to have turned his eyes from the path that would have led him to this almost irresistible inference, and in going a-gunning after a poor little snipe of a verbal error he strays so far from the safe hunting-grounds of statutory construction that he loses sight of the finger-post upon which is inscribed the salutary rule that it ought not to be presumed that the Legislature intended to exceed its jurisdiction. It does not occur to us that there is really anything more to be said about the matter.

Dr. Johnson tells us that north of the Tweed there is a certain wild people of the Aryan branch of the genus homo who require to be caught early in order to be trained to perspicacity. We believe that Lord Watson is a scion of that race, and we sadly suspect that he is still *feræ naturæ*.