

15. The Imposition of Punishment by Fine, Penalty, or Imprisonment for enforcing any Law of the Province made in relation to any Matter coming within any of the Classes of Subjects enumerated in this Section.
16. Generally all Matters of a merely local or private Nature in the Province.

Q. Since the Dominion controls Immigration, is there any reason why the Dominion should not be held responsible for the care of immigrants after they have arrived? That would not be a much greater extension than in the case of animals?—A. I fancy that once the immigrant has been admitted to Canada the power given to the Dominion to control him has been exercised, and I do not think we can follow him for the balance of his life.

Q. Yes; under the existing legislation?—A. No.

Q. Under the existing legislation he may be deported, although he has been here fifty years?—A. That has to do with the question of whether he can reside in Canada or not.

Q. No, that follows him, as to what he says and does for fifty years after he comes to this country. If under that law, that power can be exercised by the Dominion authorities, why should not the Dominion be held responsible for seeing that he does not become a public charge?—A. That is done under the criminal law.

Q. No, under the Immigration Act?—A. You are asking me whether it can be justified under the immigration law. It can be justified under the criminal law. The question is, whether it is within our powers or not. I think the provisions of the Criminal law and the Immigration Act rather correlate.

Q. Do I understand you that it is within the Federal jurisdiction to punish an immigrant for stealing when he is hungry, but it is not within its jurisdiction to feed him and prevent him from stealing?—A. Well, of course, I have already stated that as long as a man remains an alien we can control him under the subject "Aliens," and we can control his entry into the country under "Immigration," and we can control his acts while here under the criminal law, in so far as the criminal law extends; but you are asking me a question, as I understand it, whether we could provide a system of compulsory unemployment insurance for aliens as a class?

*By Mr. Heaps:*

Q. No, for Britishers.—A. I understand Mr. Woodsworth's point to be—

*By Mr. Woodsworth:*

Q. You selected aliens and said we had certain Federal control over aliens, and I asked, would it be too great an extension to say that such control should extend to provide for them during periods of unemployment?—A. I think we could contend (I do not know whether we could succeed in it or not) that so long as the legislation was with reference to aliens, qua aliens, and not national insurance, qua insurance, our legislation would stand; but I am afraid that any effort to legislate with regard to insurance under the designation of "Insurance" would be of doubtful validity.

Q. There is just one other question in this connection. Test your distribution of powers by means of the Old Age Pension Act. Under what clause are we justified in granting old Age Pensions?—A. Under the first enumerated subject, the Public Debt and Property. The Old Age Pension Act, as I understand it, merely provides authority for the Dominion to contribute money, make a money contribution to an old age pension scheme established provincially.

Q. No, no. We established the scheme?—A. Well, subject to it being adopted by the provinces.