

counts as six, at how much should "Municipal Institutions" be rated?

But it is not necessary, nor do we think it possible, to express in any one word, the relative position of Parliament and the Legislative Assemblies. Of the total sum of legislative power, a portion was assigned to Parliament and a portion to the Provincial Legislatures, and the fact that in exercise of its powers, Parliament necessarily interferes with "Civil Rights," does not make its power in any sense dominant, it only shews that under a heading of jurisdiction—Insolvency for instance—a portion of the civil rights of men are included. There is no difficulty in agreeing upon a set of words to express this meaning, and we are quite willing to adopt those used by Chief Justice Ritchie in *The Citizens' Insurance Co. v. Parsons*, 4 *Sup. Ct. R.*, 215, and quoted by Mr. Travis as containing a true exposition of the matter:—"No one can dispute the general power of Parliament to legislate as to trade and commerce, and that when, over matters which Local Legislatures have power to deal, local legislation conflicts with an Act passed by the Dominion Parliament, *in the exercise of any of the general powers confided to it*, the legislation of the local must yield to the supremacy of the Dominion Parliament; in other words, that the Provincial legislation, in such a case, must be subject to such regulations, for instance, as to trade and commerce of a commercial character, as the Dominion Parliament may prescribe. I adhere to what I said in *Valin v. Langlois*, 3 *Sup. Ct. R.* 15, that the property and civil rights referred to, were not all property and civil rights, but that the terms property and civil rights must necessarily be read in a restricted and limited sense, because many matters involving property and civil rights are expressly reserved to the Dominion Parliament, and that the power of the Local Legislatures was to be subject to the general and special legislative power of the Dominion Parliament, and to what I there added. But while the legislative rights of the Local Legislatures are, *in this sense*, subordinate to the rights of the Dominion Parliament, I think such right must be exercised, so far as may be