

fees of \$25 and \$50 under the Act as it stood would probably be claimed by the province not to be unreasonably considered merely as a charge in connection with the application for the issue of the licenses, and they were, perhaps, not large enough to very grievously burden the companies liable to pay them. Under the amended provisions it is obvious that the fees may be made so large as to constitute a real grievance to companies which have or may obtain Dominion charters as well as a discrimination between Dominion and provincial companies highly objectionable on other grounds. For the reasons stated the undersigned would think it his duty to recommend the disallowance of chapter 7 aforesaid, unless the Government of the province should undertake to promote, at the next session of the Assembly, legislation of the character suggested in the report of his predecessor above referred to, that is to say, either exempting corporations created by Parliament from the requirement to procure licenses or providing that the obligation to take out licenses and pay the license fees prescribed shall be imposed equally upon Dominion and provincial corporations."

Extracts from report of the Hon. the Attorney-General of Ontario, August 2, 1904 (Hodgins, page 23):—

"The sole section of this Act with which fault is found is section 53, which amends section 18 of the Act respecting the licensing of extra-provincial corporations by striking out the first three paragraphs thereof, and Schedules A. and B. thereto inserting in lieu thereof the following words:—'There shall be paid by every corporation requiring a license under this Act such fees as may, from time to time, be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.' Disallowance is suggested, unless the Government of the province shall undertake to promote at the next session of the Legislative Assembly, legislation either exempting corporations created by Parliament from the requirements to procure licenses, or providing that the obligation to take out licenses and pay the license fees prescribed shall be imposed equally upon the Dominion and provincial corporations. No discrimination has taken place under the sec-