

Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia be amended and consolidated and the law on those subjects assimilated in the several Provinces of the Dominion." That Act applied to traders only and continued in force until 1875, when a new measure was substituted, applicable "to traders and to trading co-partnerships and to trading Companies whether incorporated or not, except incorporated Banks, Insurance, Railway and Telegraph Companies." This was followed by an enumeration of employments deemed trades within the meaning of the Act.

The Act of 1875, amended from time to time, continued in force until 1880, when it was repealed. Since then we have had no Dominion Law on the subject, except the Winding-Up Act which was passed in 1882 and which applies to Banks, Insurance and Loan Companies, etc.

Since the repeal of the Act of 1875 several attempts have been made to secure a general Dominion Law, but so far without success. The one which received the greatest amount of public attention was the Bill introduced in the Senate by Sir John Thompson's Government in 1894. As introduced the Bill was made applicable to non-traders as well as to traders. This evoked considerable opposition, resulting in an amendment limiting the measure to traders. The Bill passed the Senate, but received only its first reading in the Commons, and was withdrawn on the promise that it would be reintroduced the next session. Before Parliament again met death had deprived the country of the services of Sir John Thompson; and the Government of Sir Mackenzie Bowell which succeeded, while reintroducing the measure, did not press it.

Failing the full exercise by the Dominion Parliament of its jurisdiction on this subject, it has been left to the different