

tion of many English statutes such as The Companies Act, The Sale of Goods Act, the Merchant Shipping Act.

"I quote from the valuable work of Lefroy as follows:—

"The second point with which the student of our Federation Act, and the decisions under it cannot fail to be impressed, is the splendid work done upon the interpretation and development of our constitutional system by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, assisted, of course, by the preliminary discussions and judgments of our own courts. The plenary power of Canadian legislatures over the internal affairs of the Dominion, so that in all matters of self-government, anything which is not within the power of the Dominion parliament is within the power of the provincial legislatures, and vice versa—the paramount authority of the federal parliament when legislating within its proper sphere in case of irreconcilable conflict with provincial legislation—and the right, at the same time, of provincial legislatures to legislate under their own powers, even though by so doing they may limit the range which would otherwise be open to the Dominion parliament—the principle that legislation which in one aspect is *intra vires* of the Dominion parliament, may, in another aspect, be *intra vires* also of the provincial legislatures—these are among the great and fundamental doctrines of our constitution which the Privy Council has established by a number of weighty judgments. And prominent among the names of those great jurists, whose work this has been, must always remain that of Lord Watson, of whom Lord Chancellor Haldane recently wrote: 'He filled in the skeleton which the Confederation Act had established, and in large measure shaped the growth of the fibre which grew round it. He established the independence of the provinces and their executives. He settled the burning controversies as to the liquor laws, and as to what government, Dominion or Provincial, had the title to gold and silver. His name will be long and gratefully remembered by Canadian statesmen.'

"For myself I favour an Imperial Court of Final Appeal. Our right to self-government is in no manner affected. Such