

The Constitution Act, 1867

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POWERS OF THE PARLIAMENT

91. It shall be lawful for the Queen, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate and House of Commons, to make Laws for the Peace, Order, and good Government of Canada, in relation to all Matters not coming within the Classes of Subjects by this Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces; and for greater Certainty, but not so as to restrict the Generality of the foregoing Terms of this Section, **it is hereby declared that (notwithstanding anything in this Act) the exclusive Legislative Authority of the Parliament of Canada extends to all Matters coming within the Classes of Subjects next hereinafter enumerated;** that is to say,

The Public Debt and Property

The Regulation of Trade and Commerce

The raising of Money by any Mode or System of Taxation.

The borrowing of Money on the Public Credit.

Currency and Coinage.

Banking, Incorporation of Banks, and the Issue of Paper Money.

Savings Banks.

Weights and Measures

Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.

Interest.

Legal Tender.

Bankruptcy and Insolvency.

For the sake of brevity, we have omitted those subjects that are concerned with non-financial matters. The full contents of Section 91 may be seen via any search engine under *Canadian Constitution Act*. Whether you use the original 1867 version or that amended in 1982 to include the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.