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THE SENATE'S ACTION.

The esteemed Examiner thinks it apparently a convincing way to answer our objection to the Senate's action by calling this journal a "Liberal fire-eater." Otherwise our contemporary displays a plentiful lack of information in regard to our representative system. In the first place the Canadian Parliament is not limited by either the letter of the constitution, or by any implied meaning of that instrument, from rearranging the boundaries of constituencies at any time. Section 18 of the B. N. A. Act shows that the Canadian Parliament has like powers, privileges and immunities in Canada, to those held and enjoyed by the British Parliament within the United Kingdom. And the British Parliament, and every colonial parliament has from time to time changed the boundaries of constituencies.

It is true that the apportionment of the number of members to which each Province is entitled by population can only be made directly after the completion of the decennial census. (Section 51) But what says the next following section? For the information of our contemporary we quote it in full.

52. The number of members of the House of Commons may be from time to time increased by the Parliament of Canada, provided the proportionate representation of the Province prescribed by this Act is not hereby disturbed.

That is, it is competent for the Parliament of Canada, at any time, and from time to time to increase the representation of all the provinces. We will suppose for example that the present parliament had chosen to increase the representation during the present session by 20 per cent. The Parliament has the specific constitutional power to do this. An addition of one fifth to the membership would give to Quebec 78 members instead of the present 65, and to P. E. Island six members instead of the present five. Will the Examiner contend that there would be anything in the constitution to prevent the creation of constituencies for these additional representatives?

Any one at all familiar with the working of free parliaments must be aware that the Constitutional Act contemplates the creation of new constituencies and consequently, changes in existing constituencies "from time to time." Such has been the practice of Parliaments the world over, and the Parliament of Canada has more than once changed the boundaries of single constituencies at other times than immediately after the census was taken. The Examiner appears not to be aware of these facts.

As to the action of the Senate, the best that can be claimed for it is that the Senate has not exceeded its

powers. That it has acted unwisely and has hurled a boomerang which will return to wound the hand that threw it, we strongly believe. Even the Examiner seems to admit that the motive for this action was Conservative partisanship. It says, "It is possible that the Senate might have passed the present Redistribution Bill if it were brought in by a Conservative Government." That is all that THE GUARDIAN claimed in regard to the motive. It is then a partisan move. But even such strong Conservative partisanship as may commend the motives of the Senate majority might perhaps see that the action is unwise. For it is in the very nature of things that the methods and machinery by which the people are to elect their representatives ought to be settled by the representatives of the people, and not by an irresponsible body like the Senate.

An "untaxed" and "unregistered" and consequently illegal shebeen, just across the railway track, on the east end of Fitzroy Street, was burglariously entered last night, during the absence of the proprietor, and a cask of his temperance (?) drinks stolen therefrom by some one who evidently knows the virtue of these exhilarating beverages. When a place such as this runs without molestation some people are at a loss to see where the boasted restriction comes in. Will some one explain?

MARRIED.
At the residence of L. McLean, Esq., Montague, brother-in-law of the bride, on the 19th July, by Rev. John Sutherland, Miss Mary A. Stewart, the youngest daughter of the late Angus Stewart, Caledonia, Lot 60, Queen's County, to Mr. Hector Gillis, Lot 64, King's County.

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Entered into rest, at Cherry Valley, July 22nd, after a lingering illness, Phoebe Caroline, daughter of the late Thos. Beers, Esq., aged 57 years.
[Funeral (today), Monday, at 2 p.m.]

A LADY'S OPINION. Mrs. D. HATT of Fredericton, N. B. writes us as follows:—I have used most of the known brands of Baking Powder, but principally Royal, and find Dearborn's Perfect Baking Powder equal to any of them in every respect, and take pleasure in recommending it to any housekeeper wanting a first class article.

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