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THE ELECTION IN PRINCE.

The Provincial Government met with a reverse in the election in the First District of Prince yesterday, and we believe it was on their part quite an unexpected one. It is always unpleasant for the party leaders to lose a seat from whatever cause. In this case it reduces a majority, which while still sufficient is certainly not large.

The local opposition will gain new courage from their victory and may attach to it an importance greater than it is entitled to. The constituency in this case is a mixed one, and the gains and losses at various polling places seem to indicate that the local discontent which led to a change in the vote from last year was mainly confined to the French-speaking sections of the District. Mr. Gallant appears to have made some gains at Alberton and other points where the majority of the voters are English, although he lost the election.

It seems doubtful whether the general policy of the Administration was the main cause of the change. There was so little of public discussion of the Government policy in the party organs during the campaign that it is difficult to say upon what the election has turned. But as is elsewhere intimated, there has been talk of the local unpopularity of the fishing regulations, and possibly other matters only indirectly connected with provincial politics may have had some influence in determining the result.

Says the Examiner: Well, the letter of the law is clear. Quebec shall have the fixed number of sixty five members.

Equally clear is the letter of the law with regard to New Brunswick. We quote from sub-section 4 of section 40 of the B. N. A. Act: Each of the fourteen counties into which New Brunswick is divided, including the City and County of St. John shall be an electoral district. The City of St. John shall also be a separate electoral district. Each of those fifteen electoral districts shall be entitled to return one member.

And yet New Brunswick returns but fourteen members in all, and Queens and Sunbury counties to gether return but one member. The Examiner's mistake lies in quoting a single section of the Act without taking account of other sections which qualify its operation.

The esteemed Examiner returns to the question of the power of Parliament to increase the representation of the Provinces. It finds it convenient to ignore almost all the points presented in our article of yesterday, which fact alone affords evidence of the weakness of its case. We have no

doubt, whatever that Parliament possesses the power to increase the representation of all the Provinces, including Quebec Parliament is not now attempting to do this, nor is it likely to do so in the near future. What is important is that section 52 of the B. N. A. Act distinctly gives Parliament the power to increase the representation of the Provinces "from time to time," and it must follow that the power to redistribute the seats goes with the power to increase the representation, and that such redistribution can constitutionally be made "from time to time," and at other times than during the session following the taking of the census.

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