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OUR REPRESENTATION.

The esteemed Pioneer is discussing from week to week with commendable zeal and much ability the question of our impending loss of a member as the result of the census. We think that our contemporary has stated in really argumentative fashion pretty much all that can be effectually put forward in support of its contention, and yet we are regretfully forced to the conclusion that we are still likely to lose another member. That it was not the intention or expectation of either party to the union of 1873 that our representation would ever be reduced below the original number of six members we can readily believe. But the terms of the bargain as printed in the Act of Union are against us.

It is also true, as the Pioneer says, that it was never contemplated that any Province should have as many Senators as it would have representatives in the Commons, and the Island is assured of four Senators for all time. If one of our members of the Commons is now to be taken away the number of our representatives in each House will be the same. Ontario, with but 24 Senators has had 92 members in the Commons, and will have 87 hereafter, or more than three times as many Members as Senators. Quebec has sixty-five Members and 24 Senators in perpetuo, and is made the pivot of representation. To have any one Province in which the number of Senators and of Members shall be equal is a thing that was not contemplated.

Both Manitoba and British Columbia were given a representation when first taken into the union, considerably in excess of what their then population would entitle them to. Both those Provinces were taken into the Dominion before Prince Edward Island. In the case of Manitoba the terms of union provided that the representation should be "readjusted according to the provisions of section 51 of the British North America Act." In the case of British Columbia, the wording was changed and it was stipulated that the representation is "to be increased under the provisions of the British North America Act." The difference between the conditions of union in the case of the two western Provinces is very marked. It is clear that the representation of six given to British Columbia could not have been taken away even had her then small population remained stationary, or actually decreased.

Had our statesmen who negotiated the union of 1873 been as alert and prudent as the men who arranged the union on behalf of British Columbia they would have made a similar stipulation and we should in that case have retained six members. They failed to guard our interests in that respect. They failed not understanding the fact that the Pacific Province had already taken the precaution noted. Our representatives not only failed to stipulate that our representation

should not be decreased; they agreed that it should be "readjusted from time to time under the provisions of the British North America Act." Now there is nothing clearer than that the basic provision of the B. N. A. Act in regard to representation in the Commons is that it shall be according to population. That was the basis upon which the four original Provinces started—representation by population—and the Union Act provided that the system should be perpetual.

It argues little or nothing that P. E. Island, Manitoba and British Columbia were first admitted to the union with a measure of representation in excess of what their population would warrant. That was a more temporary arrangement. It was never contemplated that any Province should be permanently over-represented. Or present position arises from a decrease of population which was not expected by anybody to occur. But the basic principle of representation by population can hardly be changed on our account. All the other Provinces have been governed by that principle in past readjustments of the representation and will so be governed in the future. We lost a member in 1896 and we shall lose another at the close of the present Parliament as the result of our slow growth in population. The principle of representation according to population is of itself just, and will not be changed, however much we may desire it.

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