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**THE EDITOR'S MAIL.
 OUR REPRESENTATION.**

SIR, I have read with much pleasure,
 your very able editorial on our repre-
 sentation in the House of Commons
 of Canada, and must say that I am
 strongly impressed and gratified by the
 way you have handled this important
 subject; and more especially the promi-
 nent place you have given the cardinal
 points of our case, making them stand
 out in bold relief. There is however,
 one main argument you merely touch
 upon, which I consider the strongest by far
 and which impels me to address you at
 this time. The intention of the con-
 tracting parties, at the time of the union.
 Now it is an acknowledged fact that at
 that time, according to our population,
 by the strict application of the
 British North America Act as
 regards the unit of representation, we
 were not entitled to six representatives
 in the House of Commons, and the fact
 which can be fully substantiated that
 from the first our delegates one and all
 took their stand and demanded that six
 representatives be allowed this Province.

It is a matter of regret and one we all
 deplore that of all the able statesmen
 taking part in these negotiations, at that
 important period in our history, very few
 remain, nearly all have joined "the
 silent majority." Of the delegates attend-
 ing the Quebec Conference from this Pro-
 vince, I believe only one is alive today.
 At that Conference the matter of our rep-
 resentation was first discussed, the dele-
 gates one and all insisted on two mem-
 bers being allowed for each county in this
 Province, and would accept nothing less.
 If you will turn to the Parliamentary Re-
 porter for the year 1873, page 204, you will
 find the following: The Leader of the
 Government, Hon. Jas. C. Pope states: "All
 the arguments used by the delegates sent
 from this Island to the Quebec Conference
 in reference to our representation in the
 House of Commons, were to the effect
 that two members should be allowed to
 each County; and that when the Hon
 Leader of the opposition (The Hon David
 Laird) went up to Ottawa on his late
 mission (This was the first delegation to
 Ottawa composed of Laird and Haythorne)
 he asked that two members be allowed as
 representatives for each County." The
 second and final delegation composed of
 Pop, Howland and Haviland insisted on
 the same representation and brought
 back the terms granting this Province six
 members in the House of Commons.

This statement was concurred in by
 Hon David Laird and accepted in good
 faith by all the members of our Legislature
 on both sides of the House, which goes to
 show conclusively that the granting of six
 members at the time of union was not
 only "Special Terms," but that it was made
 a principle and fought for by every dele-
 gate from the very first and one cardinal
 point on which all were agreed.
 Now as to the second point, if you will
 refer to the Confederation Debates, you
 will find that it never occurred to any
 member of either delegation, or to any
 member of our Legislature that our repre-
 sentation of six members would ever be
 reduced. While a great many of them
 refer to an increase in our representation
 not one of them ever mention it being
 reduced. On the debate dividing the
 Island into electoral districts Hon Jas. C.
 Pope stated: "Before long an additional
 member will be allowed this Island and if
 each County is made an electoral dis-
 trict the additional member can be given
 to Queen's County, which will then re-
 ceive its full share of representation." You
 will readily see it never once entered
 his mind that ever a re-arrangement of the
 electoral districts would be necessary on
 account of our representation being de-
 creased.

When the first delegation returned from
 Ottawa they published the terms of union
 and the Government dissolved the House
 and the matter of confederation was sub-
 mitted to the people at the polls. I can assure
 you it was never stated either on the plat-
 form or in the press during the whole of
 that campaign that such a thing was
 possible, in fact the possibility of our rep-
 resentation ever being cut down was
 never even hinted at. And the people
 took it in good faith that whatever addi-
 tion from time to time was made, we were
 as sure of six representatives in the House
 of Commons as were men of four members
 of the Senate and as you will see it was
 resolved.

"That Prince County shall constitute one
 District and return two members."
 "That Queens County shall constitute
 one District and return two members."
 "That Kings County shall constitute one
 District and return two members."
 "And a committee was appointed to
 prepare the address to Her Majesty the
 Queen, praying that Her Majesty would
 be graciously pleased to give effect to the
 resolutions of the House on the subject
 of a Union of Prince Edward Island with
 the Dominion of Canada, agreed to in a
 committee of the whole House this day."

This Committee was taken from both
 sides of the House, and was as follows:
 Hon Jas C. Pope, Mr. Laird, Hon Mr
 Haviland, Mr. Stuchlik, Hon Mr. Howland,
 Mr. L. H. Davies and Hon. Mr. Brooken.
 See Parliamentary Reporter 1873 page 221.
 Which address was embodied in the Im-
 perial Order in Council at Windsor dated
 June 28th A. D. 1873, (see Imperial Orders
 in Council p. ix. of statutes of 1873.) You
 will notice that the addresses of both
 Houses of the Legislature of Prince Ed-
 ward Island and of the House of Commons
 and Senate of Canada are the same word
 for word, and that they are made a
 schedule as a whole to the Imperial
 Order in Council above quoted. The
 clause relating to our representation is
 embodied in full in the said Order, and
 which grants to each County in this Pro-
 vince separately the right to elect two
 members to the House of Commons of
 Canada.

Then again we are the only Province of
 the Dominion that has had its representa-
 tion reduced from what it was at the time
 of Union. True New Brunswick and Nova
 Scotia had their's reduced at the distribu-
 tion of 1892 but you will not forget that

New Brunswick was granted one, an
 Nova Scotia two additional members at
 the re-adjustment of representation in the
 year 1872.

Then the fact that the British North
 America Act only applies to this Pro-
 vince as varied by the addresses and re-
 solutions under which we were admitted
 and which are quoted in every law and
 Order in Council on the subject, and at
 the time of Union we were not accord-
 ing to the terms of that Act, entitled to six
 members, that our population would
 scarcely give us five. That on the first
 re-adjustment in 1882 after we became a
 part of the Dominion, we were not then
 according to our population entitled to six
 members according to the unit of repre-
 sentation a set forth in the British North
 America Act, but that we were by this
 act of the Parliament of Canada again
 granted our six members and the address-
 es of the two Houses of the Legislature
 of this Island to Her Majesty admitting
 this Province into union with the
 Dominion of Canada embodied in full in
 Sect. 2, Ch. 3. 43 Vic passed on the 17th
 May A. D. 1882.

That our's was not an isolated case, that
 British Columbia and Manitoba were both
 granted at the time of their entering the
 union more representatives in the House
 of Commons than their population entit-
 led them to, and that British Columbia
 was never reduced in any subsequent re-
 adjustment.

The points are well taken in your several
 articles on the enlargement of the Pro-
 vinces of Quebec and Ontario, and par-
 ticularly as affecting us, the direct vi-
 olation of the terms of union, and the re-
 gard of the Constitution, in the en-
 largement of the pivot Province of Que-
 bec, which act directly affects every Pro-
 vince of the Dominion. As regards this let
 us see what our statesmen said on that
 subject. If you will turn again to the
 Parliamentary Reporter for the year 1873
 page 203, you will find the following:
 The Leader of the Government, Hon. J.
 C. Pope said: "Before long an additional
 member of the House of Commons will
 be allowed this Island as the representa-
 tion is based on that of the Province of
 Quebec, from which thousands of people
 are emigrating every year to Manitoba
 where land is abundant and cheap. The
 population of Quebec will increase at a
 slower rate than that of the other Pro-
 vinces and the consequence will be that
 the latter will the sooner receive an in-
 crease of representation."

This clearly shows that it never once
 entered the minds of those who were par-
 ties to those negotiations, and who agreed
 to our terms of union, that ever any
 territory whatever would be added to any
 Province, more especially the pivot
 Province of Quebec. The fact that the act
 passed by the Imperial Parliament 29th
 June 1871 granting powers to the Parlia-
 ment of Canada to establish Provinces,
 increase, diminish, or otherwise alter the
 limits of any Province, and known as the
 British North America Act of 1871, not
 being cited in the fourteenth paragraph of
 the addresses upon which this Province
 was admitted into confederation, shows
 clearly that it was never thought of only
 applying to the creation of new Provinces
 and altering the limits of the same as
 might be necessary from time to time.

Your article on area, &c. brings up a
 new point and is also well taken.
 Why should the Government of Canada
 make a present of so much valuable
 territory to two of the largest Provinces
 without any consideration to the other
 members of the Confederacy? That is a
 question that must be solved in the near
 future. I do hope that Premier Peter
 and his colleagues at present at Ottawa
 will return with a straight promise that
 the representative unjustly taken from
 us in the redistribution of 1892 will be re-
 stored and if not the Dominion Govern-
 ment should be memorialized at once,
 with a view, in case of their refusal to do
 so to lose no time in taking your advice
 by preparing a case to be submitted to the
 Supreme Court of Canada, and it needs be
 to carry it to the Privy Council and to the
 foot of the throne. There is no doubt of
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