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OUR REPRESENTATION.

At the recent conference in Ottawa a point was raised by the Government of New Brunswick in regard to the representation of that Province in the House of Commons, which should it be found to be well taken may at once solve the representation question not only for the Maritime Provinces but for Ontario as well. The point is based on the meaning of the word Canada in sub-section 4 of section 51 of the British North America Act 1867. Does the word Canada there mean the Dominion as first constituted or the Dominion as since enlarged and as it now exists? If it means the original four Provinces only, then our population has not diminished in proportion by one twentieth part, and our representation cannot be reduced until we fall still further behind in population.

The point is of importance in several ways, not the least noteworthy of which is that Ontario has an equal interest with the Maritime Provinces in having it sustained. The big Province actually stands to lose more members than the three Maritime Provinces if the redistribution is to proceed along the same lines as have been heretofore adopted. It may also be urged that the construction put upon the matter by the New Brunswick Government will accord more nearly with the principles of justice and equity as well as with the views of those who founded the federation than would the construction which has been heretofore commonly received. What is really of consequence, however, is the true meaning of the section of the B. N. A. Act in question.

The most cursory reading of the B. N. A. Act will show that in some cases the name Canada as used in the Act means only the Dominion as originally constituted, while in other parts of the Act it signifies the entire Dominion as since from time to time enlarged. Section three of the Act unites the three Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick under the name of Canada. Section 4 goes on to say:

4. The subsequent provisions of this Act shall, unless it is otherwise expressed or implied, commence and have effect on and after the day appointed for the union taking effect in the Queen's proclamation; and in the same provisions, unless it is otherwise expressed or implied, the name Canada shall be taken to mean Canada as constituted by this Act.

Section 8 lends further color to the contention put forward by the New Brunswick Government. It provides for the taking of the census once in ten years and states in terms that the respective populations of the four Provinces shall be distinguished. Section 22 in regard to the Senate provides that Canada shall be deemed to consist of three divisions, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, each division to be represented by twenty-four members. This can only mean the Canada of 1867, and is important otherwise as it deals with the question of representation in one of the two Houses of Parliament. Moreover when we come to section 51, dealing with representation in the House of Commons the words of the Act are "the representation of the four provinces shall be readjusted." This with what follows would seem to mean that the four provinces are to have representation not only proportionate to Quebec but to be diminished unless their proportion of population had decreased by one twentieth part or upwards as compared with the total population of "the four Provinces" specially mentioned in the same section. If of course the question is one for lawyers and judges rather than for laymen to decide. There can be no doubt as to what the meaning would be had there never been other Provinces added to the original four. But we fail to find anything in the other sections of the basic Act which either expressly or implies that the name Canada in sub-section 4 of section 51 means anything

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more or other than "the four Provinces" mentioned in that section. If it means the original Dominion of four Provinces then our position as a Province as well as that of the Maritime Provinces in regard to representation will be tolerably secure for the present at least. We shall return to the subject.

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A valued correspondent writes warmly commending The Guardian for having presented the matter of our representation in a new light and brought into relief aspects of the case which had not before been presented in the public press. He is fully convinced that the addition of territory made from the common stock to Ontario and Quebec ought to be equalized by like territorial grants to the Maritime Provinces or money equivalent. He figures that the 210,000 miles given to the two big Provinces would be a sufficient area to bridge the Atlantic 70 miles wide from Canada to the Mother Country. This large area, much of it timber or mineral land, is a matter of millions in value. Besides, the territory added to Quebec must tend to increase the population of that Province more rapidly and so unfairly prejudice our Provinces in the matter of representation.

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