

## PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION.

America Act, 1867. By Imperial Orders in Council the provinces of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island were admitted into the Dominion,—the former on July 20, 1871, by Order dated May 16, 1871, and the latter on July 1, 1873, by Order dated June 26, 1873. An Act of the Dominion Parliament of May 12, 1870 (33 Vict., c. 3), provided for the formation of the province of Manitoba out of Rupert's Land and the Northwest Territory, so soon as these should be admitted into the Dominion of Canada, which admission was effected by Imperial Order in Council dated June 23, 1870, and taking effect on July 15, 1870. In consequence of doubts as to the legal validity of the Dominion Act of 1870 (33 Vict., c. 3) the Imperial Parliament passed an Act in 1871 (34-35 Vict., c. 28) making the Canadian Act valid and effectual.

Table 1 shows the population of Canada according to the census of 1901, with the representation in the House of Commons according to the districts of the Representation Acts of the Dominion Parliament passed in 1903 and 1904 (3 Edw. VII., c. 60; 4 Edw. VII., c. 35).

By Acts of the Dominion Parliament passed in 1905 (4-5 Edw. VII., cc. 3 and 42) the territories named in Table 1 were, with the exception of the Yukon, erected into the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and after the Northwest Census of 1906 the Representation Act was amended by an Act of April 27, 1907 (6-7 Edw. VII., c. 41), which gave Saskatchewan ten members and Alberta seven members after the next ensuing election of October 26, 1908.

Table 2 shows therefore the present representation of the three Northwest provinces with the population of 1906. The seven additional members thus given to Saskatchewan and Alberta brought the total parliamentary representation of Canada up to 221, as stated above, at which figure it now stands pending a new Representation Act to follow the census of 1911. A record of the parliamentary representation at different dates since Confederation was published in previous issues of the Year Book (see Year Book 1911, p. 28).

**1.—Representation in the House of Commons according to the districts of the Representation Acts, 1903 and 1904.**

Provinces and districts.	Popu- lation.	Repre- senta- tion.	Provinces and districts.	Popu- lation.	Repre- senta- tion.
	1901.	1904.		1901.	1904.
CANADA.	5,371,315	214	Manitoba.	255,211	10
British Columbia.	178,657	7	Brandon.....	25,047	1
Comox-Atlin.....	21,457	1	Dauphin.....	22,631	1
Kootenay.....	31,962	1	Lisgar.....	24,736	1
Nanaimo.....	22,293	1	Macdonald.....	23,866	1
New Westminster.....	23,976	1	Marquette.....	20,431	1
Vancouver, City.....	28,895	1	Portage la Prairie.....	23,483	1
Victoria, City.....	20,919	1	Provencher.....	24,434	1
Yale and Cariboo.....	29,155	1	Selkirk.....	24,021	1
			Souris.....	24,222	1
			Winnipeg, City.....	42,340	1