

The population of Quebec in 1931, exclusive of the population (2,584) of the territory added to Quebec by the Boundaries Extension Act of 1912, was 2,872,078, which, divided by 65, gave a unit of representation of 44,186. The populations of the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba each showed a decrease in the rate of growth as compared with the rate for Canada as a whole, but because that decrease in Ontario and Manitoba was less than one-twentieth the representation of these two provinces remained the same as in 1921. The proportion for each of the other provinces diminished by more than one-twentieth and as a consequence Nova Scotia lost 2 members. The representation of Prince Edward Island and of New Brunswick on a strict basis of population would have been reduced by 2 members each but, because of the provision that members of the House of Commons returned by a province shall never be fewer than its senators, the representation of the former province remained unchanged at 4 and that of the latter was reduced from 11 to 10. The representation of Saskatchewan remained at 21, while Alberta gained 1 member and British Columbia 2.

A table showing, the representation of the provinces and territories of Canada in the House of Commons, as determined by the Censuses of 1911, 1921 and 1931 is given at p. 76 of the 1934-35 Year Book.

The number of representatives of each province elected at each of the nineteen general elections since Confederation is given in Table 8.

#### 8.—Representation in the House of Commons as at Dominion General Elections 1867-1940

Province	1867	1872	1874 1878	1882	1887 1891	1896 1900	1904	1908 1911	1917 1921	1925 1926 1930	1935 1940
Ontario.....	82	88	88	92	92	92	86	86	82	82	82
Quebec.....	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
Nova Scotia.....	19	21	21	21	21	20	18	18	16	14	12
New Brunswick.....	15	16	16	16	16	14	13	13	11	11	10
Manitoba.....	-	4	4	5	5	7	10	10	15	17	17
British Columbia.....	-	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	13	14	16
Prince Edward Island.....	-	-	6	6	6	5	4	4	4	4	4
Saskatchewan.....	-	-	-	-	4	4	10	10	16	21	21
Alberta.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	12	16	17
Yukon.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>245</b>

**Redistribution for 1941 Postponed.**—For the first time since Confederation, the redistribution of parliamentary constituencies required by the B.N.A. Act after each decennial census, has been postponed. A resolution to that effect was presented to Parliament and forwarded to London in the form of an address to His Majesty the King. His Majesty caused a Bill to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom for the enactment of the provisions of the resolution; this was duly passed through all stages by July 22, 1943. The Bill provides that “notwithstanding anything in the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1940, it shall not be necessary that the representation of the provinces in the House of Commons be readjusted, in consequence of the completion of the decennial census taken in