

federation, are as follows:—1871, 18,331 persons; 1881, 20,908; 1891, 22,901; 1901, 25,368; 1911, 30,819; 1921, 36,283.

**The Present Redistribution Problem.**—The method by which the representation of provinces is determined may be further explained. The population of Quebec, it has been shown, constitutes the basis from which the unit of representation in the other provinces is determined, Quebec's representation of 65 members in the House of Commons remaining constant. The provisions of the Quebec Boundaries Extension Act, 1912, however, while they provided for an enlargement of the area of the province, stipulated that the population of the newly added areas should not be included in any computations relative to representation. Quebec's population in 1921 (excluding the population of Ungava) was 2,358,412, which, divided by 65, gives a unit of representation of 36,283. The quotient, therefore, obtained by dividing the population of each province (Prince Edward Island excepted) as shown at the date of the census, by the unit 36,283 indicates, except where subsection 4 of section 51 of the Act applies, the number of members to which each province is entitled. The method is illustrated in Table 6.

**6.—Representation of the Provinces and Territories of Canada in the House of Commons, as determined by the British North America Act and the Censuses of 1911 and 1921.**

Province.	Census 1911.			Census 1921.		
	Population.	Quotient based on Unit.	Representation.	Population.	Quotient based on Unit.	Representation.
Prince Edward Island.....	93,728	3.04	4	88,615	2.44	4
Nova Scotia.....	492,338	15.98	16	523,837	14.44	14
New Brunswick.....	351,889	11.42	11	387,876	10.69	11
Ontario.....	2,527,292	82.00	82	2,933,662	80.86	82
Manitoba.....	461,394	14.97	15	610,118	16.82	17
Saskatchewan.....	492,432	15.98	16	757,510	20.88	21
Alberta.....	374,295	12.14	12	588,454	16.22	16
British Columbia.....	392,480	12.74	13	524,582	14.46	14
Quebec (without Ungava)...	2,003,232	65.00	65	2,358,412	65.00	65
Totals.....	7,189,080	-	234	8,773,066	-	244
Quebec (Ungava).....	2,544 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	2,787 <sup>1</sup>	-	-
Yukon.....	8,512	-	1	4,157	-	1
N.W.T.....	6,507	-	-	7,988	-	-
R.C. Navy.....	-	-	-	485	-	-
Canada.....	7,206,643	-	235	8,788,483	-	245

<sup>1</sup> Represents the population in the area added to Quebec by the Quebec Boundaries Extension Act, 1912, the population of which by sec. 2, ss. "A" of said Act, is to be excluded from the population of the province in ascertaining the unit of representation.

From the foregoing figures it is evident that the representation of the four western provinces should be increased while that of Nova Scotia should be diminished.

Again, the application of the provisions of subsection 4 of section 51 of the Act (quoted above) to Nova Scotia and Ontario (the only provinces in which a noticeable decrease in the rate of growth of population is found) is shown in Table 7.