

7.—Table showing Application of Section 51, Subsection 4, of British North America Act, to Representation of Ontario and Nova Scotia.

| Province. | Proportion which Population of each Province bears to the Total Population of Canada. | | Decrease in proportion from 1911 to 1921. | Ratio of Decrease in proportion from 1911 to 1921 to proportion in 1911. | Decrease, greater, equal to or less than one-twentieth of proportion in 1911. |
|------------------|---|--------|---|--|---|
| | 1911. | 1921. | | | |
| Ontario..... | .35069 | .33380 | -.01689 | .0481 | less. |
| Nova Scotia..... | .06831 | .05960 | -.00871 | .1275 | greater. |

The above table shows that under the provisions of section 51, subsection 4 of the B.N.A. Act, no reduction should take place in the representation of Ontario because the proportion which the number of the population of the province bore to the number of the aggregate population of Canada at the readjustment of the number of members for the province based on the census of 1911 is ascertained at the census of 1921 to be diminished by less than one-twentieth part. The proportion for Nova Scotia, having diminished by more than one-twentieth part, the provisions of subsection 4 of section 51 do not apply and the representation of Nova Scotia should be reduced in accordance with the provisions of section 51, sub-sections 2 and 3 of the Act.

Therefore the representation to which each province is entitled as a result of redistribution based upon the 1921 census will be as follows:—Alberta 16, British Columbia 14, Manitoba 17, New Brunswick 11, Nova Scotia 14, Ontario 82, Prince Edward Island 4, Quebec 65, Saskatchewan 21, Yukon 1.¹

The electoral districts for the House of Commons of Canada, with their populations by the census of 1921, number of qualified voters and numbers voting in 1921, together with the names and addresses of members, as at Oct. 31, 1923, are shown in Table 8.

8.—Representation in the House of Commons, according to the Districts of the Representation Act, 1914, as at Oct. 31, 1923.

| Provinces and Districts. | Population, 1921. | Voters on list. | Number of votes polled. ² | Name of Member. | P.O. Address. |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Prince Edward Island (4 members)— | | | | | |
| King's..... | 20,445 | 11,189 | 8,728 | Hughes, J. J..... | Souris, P.E.I. |
| Prince..... | 31,520 | 16,172 | 13,332 | MacLean, A. E..... | Summerside, P.E.I. |
| Queen's..... | 36,650 | 19,518 ³ | 30,496 ³ | {Sinclair, Hon. J. E..... {Mackinnon, D. A..... | {Emerald, P.E.I. {Charlottetown, P.E.I. |
| Nova Scotia (16 members)— | | | | | |
| Antigonish and Guysborough..... | 27,098 | 15,104 | 11,748 | McIsaac, C. F..... | Antigonish, N.S. |
| Cape Breton North and Victoria..... | 31,325 | 16,652 | 11,538 ⁴ | Kelly, F. L..... | North Sydney, N.S. |
| Cape Breton South and Richmond.... | 76,362 | 37,635 ³ | 51,555 ³ | {Carroll, W. F..... {Kyte, Geo. W..... | {Sydney, N.S. {St. Peter's, N.S. |
| Colchester..... | 25,196 | 15,458 | 11,483 | Putnam, H..... | Truro, N.S. |
| Cumberland..... | 41,191 | 24,033 | 17,346 | Logan, H. J..... | Amherst, N.S. |
| Digby and Annapolis..... | 28,965 | 16,368 | 12,596 | Lovett, L. J..... | Bear River, N.S. |

¹ Under the British North America Act, 1886 (49-50 Vict., chap. 35) the Parliament of Canada is given power to provide for the representation in the Senate and House of Commons of territories forming part of the Dominion of Canada, but not included in any province. In virtue of this provision, the Yukon Territory was by 2 Edw. VII, c. 37, granted representation by one member in the House of Commons.

² From Report of Chief Electoral Officer, 1921.

³ Each voter could vote for two candidates.

⁴ Votes and voters from returns of general elections, 1921.