EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The purpose of this bill, as explained in the preamble, is to increase the quorum of the House of Commons in proportion to the increase in the membership of that House since 1867. The original membership was 181, with 20 as a quorum. The present membership is 262 and provision has already been made for 265 members in the next Parliament. The proposed increase to a quorum of 30 members merely maintains the proportion originally established.