

This time it was the need for a special By-Elections Act. This Act was passed at the spring session of Parliament in 1919. It was assented to on July 7th. It was known at the time the Royal Assent was given that there would be another session in the fall. Was any attempt made to ensure the representation of the constituencies so long deprived of their representation, and of others that had become vacated? None whatever. Indeed, matters were so arranged through the dates fixed by the Government for the by-elections that representation for that entire session was made impossible for the whole, or next to whole, of the session. Had the Government's plan not miscarried somewhat, through the introduction of the Grand Trunk Acquisition measure, and the debate which ensued thereon, these constituencies would have remained unrepresented throughout the session. As it was, the constituencies of Kingston, Ontario, and Prince, P.E.I., were represented for but a fortnight, the constituency of Stormont and Glengarry, Ontario, for two or three days, the constituency of Carleton, New Brunswick, for one or two days, and the constituencies of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, and North Ontario in Ontario, with Quebec East not at all, though the former constituency, one of the largest in the