

"doctrine would involve the theory that the imperial government could insist on colonial forces taking part in a war, a doctrine opposed to the fundamental principles of self-government, which leaves a colony to decide how far it will participate in wars due to imperial policy" (a).

Argument to prove the difference between our present attitude and the attitude represented by a cash contribution to the British navy is unnecessary. It is the difference between the late government's policy of retaining a right of discretionary action in case of war and Mr. Borden's denunciation of that policy as "ill-advised and dangerous." And the question is not whether a change of that character is right or wrong, but whether it is sufficiently momentous to require submission to the electorate before being adopted.

Re-distribution: Another factor in the situation should be mentioned. Section 8 of our constitution provides for the taking of a periodical census, and in so doing

"the respective populations of the four" (now nine) "Provinces shall be distinguished."

The reason for this is shown by section 51:

"On the completion of the census.....the representation of the four" (now nine) "Provinces shall be re-adjusted."

—re-adjusted according to the changes in the respective populations. And it becomes, therefore, the duty of parliament, at its next session to re-arrange the representation in the House of Commons. The following table will show the representation of the Provinces at previous periods, and a calculation of the proportions necessitated by the last census.

	1867	1872	1882	1887	1892	1902	1906	Ought to be
Ontario.....	82	88	92	92	92	86	86	82
Quebec.....	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
Nova Scotia.....	19	21	21	21	20	18	18	16
New Brunswick.....	15	16	16	16	14	13	13	11
Prince Edward Island.....	..	..	6	6	5	4	4	3
Manitoba.....	..	4	5	5	7	10	10	15
British Columbia.....	..	6	6	6	6	7	7	13
North West Territory.....	..	..	..	4	4	10	..	..
Yukon.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
Alberta.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	12
Saskatchewan.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	16
Totals.....	181	200	211	215	212	214	221	234

(a) *Responsible Governments in the Dominions*, p. 198.