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20. For the purpose of such re-adjustments, Lower Canada shall always be assigned 65 members, and each of the other *sections* shall at each re-adjustment receive, for the ten years then next succeeding, the number of members to which it will be entitled on the same ratio of representation to population as Lower Canada will enjoy according to the census last taken by having 65 members.

21. No reduction shall be made in the number of members returned by any *section*, unless its population shall have decreased relatively to the population of the whole Union, to the extent of 5 per centum.

22. In computing at each decennial period the number of members to which each *section* is entitled, no fractional parts shall be considered, unless when exceeding one-half the number entitling to a member, in which case a member shall be given for each such fractional part.

23. *The Legislature of each province shall divide such province into the proper number of constituencies, and define the boundaries of each of them.*

24. *The local Legislature of each province may, from time to time, alter the electoral districts for the purposes of representation in the House of Commons, and distribute the Representatives to which the province is entitled, in any manner such Legislature may think fit.*

25. The number of members may at any time be increased by the General Parliament, regard being had to the proportionate rights then existing.

26. Until provisions are made by the General Parliament, all the laws which at the date of the Proclamation constituting the Union are in force in the Provinces respectively, relating to the qualification and disqualification of any person to be elected or to sit or vote as a member of the Assembly in the said Provinces respectively; and relating to the qualification or disqualification of voters, and to the oaths to be taken by voters, and to returning officers and their powers and duties; and relating to the proceedings at elections, and to the period during which such elections may be continued; and relating to the trial of controverted elections, and the proceedings incident thereto; and relating to the vacating of seats of members, and the issuing and execution of new writs in case of any seat being vacated otherwise than by a dissolution, shall respectively apply to elections

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