

I shall mention in a moment. But before giving those results I wish to explain further a part of the proposal.

The quotient obtained by dividing the population of the eight remaining provinces by 250 is used to divide the population of each individual province. That quotient happens to be 45,578, because the population of the eight remaining provinces is 11,394,666. Each province then receives one member for as many times as 45,578 goes into its population, and when that operation has been accomplished for each of the eight provinces, if 250 members have not thus been allotted, the remaining members are allotted to the province having the largest remainder as a result of each individual division. The result of a calculation on that basis is as follows:

Prince Edward Island, with its population of 95,047, receives four members, because that is the minimum to which its representation can be reduced.

Nova Scotia, with a population of 577,962, receives 12 members, and there is a remainder of 31,026.

New Brunswick, with a population of 457,401, gets 10 members, and has a remainder of 1,621.

Quebec, with a population of 3,331,882, gets 73 times the divisor and has a remainder of 4,688, including the population of New Quebec, which is 3,067. This 3,067 is such a small number that whether you take it into account or not it has no effect whatsoever upon the calculation provided for in this resolution. It would, if you left it out, diminish the divisor by twelve, so that it has no effect whatsoever on the calculation.

Ontario, with a population of 3,787,655, gets 83 units, with a remainder of 4,681. Manitoba, with a population of 729,744, gets 16, with a remainder of 496. Saskatchewan, with a population of 895,992, gets 19, with a remainder of 30,010. Alberta, with a population of 796,169, gets 17, with a remainder of 21,343. British Columbia, with a population of 817,461, gets 17, with a remainder of 43,035. That provides for only 247 of the 250 to be allocated; so that one additional member is allocated to British Columbia, having the largest remainder, 43,035, as compared to the unit, 45,578, and British Columbia's representation in the House of Commons, according to this formula, would be 18. Nova Scotia, with a remainder of 31,026, would also get an additional member and have 13 instead of 12 units; and the third would be

allotted to Saskatchewan, which has by the calculation 19 and a remainder of 30,010. That would make up the 250 members.

Mr. MacNICOL: What was the quotient, again, please?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The quotient is 45,578. Perhaps, for the convenience of hon. members, I might put on *Hansard* this tentative calculation, which has been given to me by the assistant chief electoral officer, showing the population of each province and the representation which would conform with the terms of this proposal. If I have the consent of the house and if the house feels that it would be helpful to have this on *Hansard*, I shall be glad to have it made a part of the report.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: Perhaps the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. MacNicol) would like to have these figures. It will be found that the population of Yukon territory is 4,914 and the population of the remainder of the northwest territories is 12,028.

Mr. MacNICOL: That 12,028 would include Eskimos and Indians?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: Yes.

Mr. MacNICOL: Indians too?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I would imagine so.

Mr. MacNICOL: Otherwise the population would not be anything like that size.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I imagine that would include all those whom it was possible for the census enumerators to find in the territory at the time of the census.

*The statement referred to follows:*

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

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Memorandum for the Honourable Louis St. Laurent, K.C., Minister of Justice

Set out below is a table showing the number of members to which each province will be entitled should the total membership of the House of Commons be set at 255.

The following figures are based on the 1941 population of Canada which is.....	11,506,655
Less Yukon Territory (1 member) .....	4,914
Prince Edward Island (4 members) .....	95,047
North West Territories..	12,028
(5 members) .....	111,989
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Therefore the total population used to obtain the quotient is ..... 11,394,666  
And the quotient for 255 members is 45,578