

Papineau is the reputed prime mover and leader of the late rebellion, at least until it came to blows, which it appears he retired from very adroitly. He is now clamouring about increasing the number of Eastern Canadian Members of Parliament. Does he not reflect that in consequence of that rebellion, the British Government might have taken away the representative form entirely, and instituted the old Government of that part of the Province by Governor and Council, and that had it not been for the expedient of the Union of the Provinces, which he so much deploures, that measure would very probably have been adopted. The public affairs of the United Province, containing about 1250 thousand souls, is carried on by 84 representatives, while the public affairs of the population of Great Britain, amounting with her East India Colonies, which are virtually represented, to about 125 millions, is carried on by 658 members. The ratio for the population of United Canada would therefore be about $6\frac{1}{2}$ members, whereas she has 84. Now the object of endeavouring to obtain more Eastern Canadian Members is, that Mr. Papineau knows the majority would be French members, by which means, as was the case in that part of the Province before the union, the united Parliament would come under the sway of that French Majority; and as I consider it morally impossible that the British