

South Oxford.....	5,725	16,374	} 27,868
North Oxford.....		17,219	
South Brant.....		21,975	}
North Brant.....		11,894	
South Waterloo.....		12,754	}
North Waterloo.....		20,986	
East Elgin.....		28,147	}
West Elgin.....		14,214	
South Oxford.....		24,732	}
North Oxford.....		25,361	
East Middlesex.....	} 11,822	30,600	} 61,543
West Middlesex.....		21,496	
North Middlesex.....		21,392	}
London City.....		19,746	
South Perth.....		20,778	}
North Perth.....		34,207	
South Huron.....		23,390	}
Centre Huron.....		26,474	
North Huron.....		26,103	}
South Bruce.....		39,803	
North Bruce.....		24,971	}
Bothwell.....		27,102	
Lambton.....		42,616	}
Kent.....	3,891	36,626	
Essex.....	5,397	46,962	32,735
Algoma.....		20,320	41,562

211,160 1,946,532 780,843

This shows a net increase in twenty-nine counties and union of counties, cities, etc. of 780,843; and an increase in forty counties, divisions, and cities not estimated in 1830, of 954,529, or a total increase in the population of Ontario since 1830 of 1,735,372—an increase in 51 years of 803 per cent; or an average of  $15\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. per annum. When we come to take this into consideration it shows how the country has increased in population, as it has also prospered in wealth and importance. The present Bill may be perhaps wrong in some of its details, but taking it as a whole, I think it is a good measure, and I am therefore prepared to give my vote in its favor. As an Upper Canadian, having resided all my life in Ontario, and having grown with its growth—if I have not strengthened with its strength—having known it as a forest, when even this city had no existence and the surrounding country was an unbroken wilderness, I consider that our progress has been marvellous, considering the difficulties under which we have had to labor. I do not think there will be any general dissatisfaction throughout Ontario if this Bill should pass, or that the indignation spoken of by the hon. gentleman opposite (Mr. Scott) will extend much further than to a few members who have been disappointed, and their friends. I do not believe that it is going to bring about a rebellion; I think it is in the right

direction although it is not satisfactory in all its details. It is true it has come down late in the session, but the session has been very much protracted owing to the course pursued by the Opposition in the other House. But for them we should have had this Bill before us a month ago; and, after all, when we have finished it and returned to our homes, and come to reflect on the business we have done this session I think we will be no worse friends than we have been since the opening of Parliament.

HON. MR. WARK—I intend to vote for the amendment, but not to deprive Ontario of four members. This Parliament has another year to run, and I cannot understand the object of dissolving it this year if it is to be dissolved. If a vote of want of confidence had been carried against the Government or their majority had dwindled away, a dissolution this year might be proper, but there is no necessity for it and we have no authority for saying that it will take place. Let us reject this measure now and give the public an opportunity to consider it carefully. Then, when Parliament meets next year, we will be better prepared to legislate on the subject. The question of representation by population was, of course, a matter discussed between Upper and Lower Canada. It was a very exciting subject, but I do not think that the public men who met at London, and framed the British North America Act ever thought of representation by population being carried further than to give each province representation in proportion to its population. I do not think they ever intended that at the end of each decade the boundaries of the constituencies should be changed. The hon. member from Halifax has referred to the disproportionate representation of several counties in the Maritime Provinces. So far as New Brunswick is concerned I do not think there are more than two counties, perhaps not more than one, that would wish for any change with regard to the present representation, although no doubt the population of some counties, is greater than the population of others. I think every member of the House of Commons, as well as every Senator, should look upon himself as the representative of his Province rather than of his constituency. It is very different in the local