

THE FEDERAL LEGISLATURE.

Last Census.

Upper Canada,	723,087
Lower Canada,	788,334
New Brunswick,	220,000
Nova Scotia,	278,805
Prince Edward,	62,678
Newfoundland,	91,264
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	2,124,268
Hudson Bay,	160,000
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	2,284,268

Extent of Territory in square miles.

Upper and Lower Canada, -	400,000
New Brunswick,	27,000
Nova Scotia,	19,630
Newfoundland,	67,000
Prince Edward Island, . . .	2,134
Hudson Bay Territory, . . .	2,500,000
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Square miles,	3,005,764

1. ALL Acts now in force conferring constitutional and legislative powers upon the following British North American Provinces,—viz: Upper Canada, Lower Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, shall be repealed, in so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

2. The present union between Upper Canada and Lower Canada shall be dissolved.

3. There shall be a federation of the said Provinces under one general Government and Legislature, having legislative and administrative powers extending to all matters of common concern to all the Provinces composing the federation, except such as are hereinafter excepted.

4. The said Legislature shall consist of a Vice-Roy and (subject to any alteration to be made by the Federal Parliament) of two Houses, to be called respectively, "the Legislative Council," and "the Commons House of Assembly;" and such Vice-Roy and two Houses together shall be the Parliament of British North America.

5. The Vice-Roy shall be appointed by Her Majesty by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall receive his salary from the Treasury of the United Kingdom: and the supreme executive power in the united Provinces shall be vested in such Vice-Roy.

6. During any vacancy in the office of Vice-Roy, the Speaker of the Legislative Council, or if there be no such officer, or he be absent, the Speaker of the Commons House of Assembly, shall exercise the office of Vice-Roy, and whenever either of the said Speakers shall so exercise the said office, his functions as Speaker