

The British North America Act.

tained at such census) as the number sixty-five bears to the number of the population of Quebec (so ascertained):

- (3.) In the computation of the number of Members for a Province a fractional part not exceeding one half of the whole number requisite for entitling the province to a Member shall be disregarded; but a fractional part exceeding one half of that number shall be equivalent to the whole number:
- (4.) On any such re-adjustment the number of Members for a Province shall not be reduced unless the proportion which the number of the population of the Province bore to the number of the aggregate population of Canada at the then last preceding re-adjustment of the number of Members for the Province is ascertained at the then latest census to be diminished by one twentieth part or upwards:
- (5.) Such re-adjustment shall not take effect until the termination of the then existing Parliament.

52. The number of Members of the House of Commons may be, from time to time, increased by the Parliament of Canada, provided the proportionate representation of the Provinces prescribed by this Act is not thereby disturbed.

*Increase of
number of
House of
Commons.*

Money Votes; Royal Assent.

53. Bills for appropriating any part of the public revenue, or for imposing any tax or impost, shall originate in the House of Commons.

Appropriation and Tax Bills.

54. It shall not be lawful for the House of Commons to adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address, or bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost, to any purpose that has not been first recommended to that House by Message of the Governor General in the Session in which such vote, resolution, address or bill is proposed.

Recommendation of money votes.

55. Where a Bill passed by the Houses of the Parliament is presented to the Governor General for the Queen's assent, he shall declare, according to his discretion, but subject to the provisions of this Act and to Her Majesty's instructions, either that he assents thereto in the Queen's name, or that he withholds the Queen's assent, or that he reserves the Bill for the signification of the Queen's pleasure.

Royal Assent to Bills, &c.