

of the Bill itself; he did not propose that no legislation in that direction should be passed this session, while the motion of the hon. gentleman from Ottawa would have precisely that effect. I fail to see how we can vote against the second reading of this Bill, and for the amendment of the hon. gentleman from Ottawa, under the terms of the Confederation Act.

HON. MR. FLINT—The hon. gentleman from Halifax has asked why some of the provinces besides Ontario are not equalized. He certainly knows, or ought to know, that no other province has representation by population, and, consequently, there can be no alteration of the constituencies. If they wish for representation by population they can very easily obtain it, and then they will have a chance for redistributing their constituencies; under present circumstances they cannot do so. The effect of this Bill, as I consider it, is to readjust the constituencies of Ontario and give it increased representation according to its increase in population. In 1830 the population of Ontario was 211,000; there were twenty-nine constituencies and fifty members of Parliament. Since that time, of course we have gone on increasing until the policy of representation by population was adopted, and since its adoption, of course there has been a readjustment from time to time. The Confederation Act provides that there shall be a readjustment every ten years, and the simple question is, what is to be done; has that readjustment to be made so as to please only the party in Opposition? I should think not, and the very fact of the introduction of the famous Tuckersmith Bill shows sufficiently what would have been done by the late Government under the circumstances, at that time. If that Bill had passed this House, there were several others ready to come down upon us for readjustment of their constituencies so as to prevent persons whose seats were unsafe from losing them altogether. That was what we might justly consider taking an unfair advantage of a constituency, but I do not see anything unfair about the present measure, because the law requires that there should be a change every ten years, and we must under the Act make that change according to the number of population. We will take

for instance what was formerly called the Town of York: in 1830 it was represented by one member and contained 2,860 inhabitants; at present it has some 86,000 inhabitants, with three representatives. The following is a comparative statement of the Census of Ontario for the years 1830 and 1882:

	Pop. 1830.	Pop. 1882.	Increase.
Glengarry	9,564	22,221	12,657
Cornwall .....	.....	9,904	
Stormont	6,433	13,294	6,861
Dundas	3,758	20,598	16,840
Prescott	3,833	22,857	
Renfrew .....	.....	25,082	44,106
Ottawa .....	.....	27,412	
South Grenville.....	7,997	13,562	
North Leeds & do... ..	.....	12,929	
South Leeds.....	11,290	12,266	
Carleton	6,249	24,689	18,420
Brockville.....	1,130	12,514	11,384
South Lanark.....	9,726	20,032	
North Lanark.....	.....	13,940	24,246
South Renfrew.....	.....	19,042	
North Renfrew.....	.....	20,965	
Frontenac.....	5,284	14,993	9,709
Kingston City.....	3,635	14,091	10,451
Lennox	9,658	16,314	
Addington .....	.....	23,470	30,126
Prince Edward	9,794	21,044	11,250
East Hastings .....	.....	17,313	
West Hastings	5,819	17,400	49,373
North Hastings... ..	.....	20,479	
East Northumberland	9,435	22,299	
West .....	.....	16,984	29,848
Peterborough East..	.....	23,956	
Peterborough West..	.....	13,310	
East Durham.....	5,416	18,710	
West Durham.....	.....	17,555	30,849
South Victoria.....	.....	20,813	
North Victoria.....	.....	13,799	
Muskoka.....	.....	27,204	
South Ontario.....	.....	20,378	
North Ontario.....	.....	28,434	
Toronto City.....	2,860	86,415	83,555
East York.....	.....	23,312	
West York.....	23,580	18,884	43,119
North York.....	.....	24,502	
South Simcoe.....	2,117	26,891	
North Simcoe.....	.....	49,238	74,012
Peel .....	.....	16,387	
Cardwell.....	.....	16,770	
Welland.....	.....	26,152	
Niagara.....	1,148	3,145	1,997
Monck.....	.....	17,145	
Lincoln.....	18,414	22,963	4,549
Haldimand.....	1,354	18,619	17,265
South Wentworth... ..	7,059	14,993	
North Wentworth... ..	.....	15,998	23,932
Hamilton City.....	.....	35,961	
Halton.....	13,886	21,919	8,033
South Wellington... ..	.....	25,400	
Centre Wellington... ..	.....	22,265	
North Wellington... ..	.....	25,870	
South Grey.....	.....	21,127	
East Grey.....	.....	29,666	
North Grey.....	.....	23,334	
South Norfolk.....	5,106	16,374	
North Norfolk.....	.....	17,219	28,487