

of the present Parliament Quebec shall have 65 members, Ontario 92, New Brunswick 16, Nova Scotia 21, Prince Edward 6, Manitoba 5, British Columbia 6, and the North West Territories 4; in all 215 members. In the next parliament the readjustment, based on census of 1891, will take effect. The Maritime Provinces will lose a few representatives, Quebec and Ontario will have the same number as they now have, and the representation of the western Provinces will be slightly increased.

S. 52. Permits the parliament of Canada to increase the number of members of the House of Commons provided the proportionate Representation of the Provinces is not thereby disturbed.

38. "The Governor-General shall from Time to Time, in the Queen's Name, by Instrument under the Great Seal of Canada, summons and call together the house of Commons."

## NOTES :

The summoning of a Parliament is one of the Prerogatives of the sovereign. The first Parliaments of Charles II., and William III., not having been summoned by a Sovereign, are called Convention Parliaments.

S. 9. "The Executive Government and Authority of and over Canada is hereby declared to continue and be vested in the Queen."

The Governor-General carries on the Government of Canada on behalf and in the name of the Queen, hence the power conferred upon him by S. 38.

39. "A Senator shall not be capable of being elected or of sitting or voting as a Member of the House of Commons."

## NOTES :

This Section--evidently intended to prevent individual representation and to protect the independence of the two Houses--is not without disadvantages, when a Cabinet Minister is a Member of the Senate.

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

The *Overland Monthly* for February contains a fully illustrated and interesting article on Intercollegiate Football on the Pacific Coast.

The *Missionary Review of the World* for March opens with an exceedingly interesting and timely article on "The Question of Endowing Mission Churches" by Dr. Judson. Other excellent articles are "The Overflow of Missions" by the Rev. A. J. Gordon, "Missions, the Salvation of the Church and the Lord's Work in Spain."

"Polly Oliver's Problem," is concluded in the March *St Nicholas* to the grief no doubt of its girl readers. There is also an excellent and finely illustrated article on Philadelphia. The number is particularly rich in humorous pictures. "Holly Berry" and "Mistletoe" comes to a satisfactory and joyful end.

Short and to the point is an article on "Lights of the Household" in the February *Table Talk*. "Good Beginnings" by J. M. Dimpleton is a sensible article on house-furnishing. "A Day with an Eminent Cook"

is also a specially good article. Anyone in search of an appetite had better glance through *Table Talk* before trying more expensive remedies.

The second part of "Aspects of Tennyson" from the *Nineteenth Century* is given in "Littell's Living Age" for Feb. 25th. Many excellent articles are included in this issue, amongst which may be mentioned "The Mediæval Country House" and the "Amir of Afghanistan." The poetry of the number is good and the short story, "A Nameless Hero," is from MacMillan's.

The *Critic* of February 25th contains an article of much interest entitled "Some impressions of Mr. Lowell by E. S. Madal. The *Critic* has resumed an old custom in adding occasional illustrations to its pages, those in this issue being J. J. Audubon and the Wadsworth Athenæum, Hartford. The letters and notes are timely and interesting, those devoted to Art being especially full.

Literary Chicago is the opening article in the February *New England Magazine*. It is fully illustrated. Among a number of