

this increasing County we have but one representative. Another claim for additional representation is the amount of duties collected in the four ports of entry of the County of Westmoreland. Some of the rural counties, to which I refer, have no ports and no duties are collected in them. Last year the amount of duties from Customs alone collected at the four ports of the County of Westmoreland was \$137,400.

In addition to these claims I would refer to the town of Moncton, which has a population of upwards of five thousand, itself, and the remainder of the parish some thousands more, making some 9,600 of a population in the town and parish of Moncton; while two of the counties, having each one representative, contain in one case some seven thousand odd, and in the other some six thousand odd,—shewing how very uneven and unjust the representation of the Province of New Brunswick is. In addition to that there are large manufactories in the town of Moncton. In the first place they have a gas and water company,—and this is of very great importance to the Intercolonial Railway, inasmuch as it supplies water to the trains,—they have a foundry, they have a sugar refinery in full operation, and they have a cotton factory in course of construction. These are all important works, which no doubt increase the revenue of the Dominion, and are entitled to consideration when representation is given to the district. In the next place there is the parish of Sackville; it has two foundries, a steam tannery, and a cheese factory; it has a boot and shoe factory, a steam furniture factory,—and a large amount of shipping owned by the inhabitants. It has a direct trade to the West India Islands, and also to other foreign countries; and further, a large amount of lumber is shipped at that port. Dorchester is another port whose inhabitants own a very large amount of shipping; they sail ships, and the port is the shipping place for coal from the Spring Hill mine. Another port is Shediac, a well-known place of call for the Québec and P. E. Island steamers; an *entrepot* for the products of P. E. Island, and exports a very large amount of lumber. These are additional claims, I think, why the County of Westmoreland should receive additional representation. I will not weary the

House by going further into details, but I trust I have shewn that something ought to be done to re-adjust the representation of the Province of New Brunswick.

HON. MR. WARK—I have listened to the statistics of the hon. gentleman opposite, but he has not gone so fully into them as the paper which has given us an outline of the claims, which he thinks entitles this County of Westmoreland to additional representation. He has referred to some of the smaller counties; he and I know a good deal about the representation of New Brunswick, and the course which has been pursued in regard to it. We have never laid down the principle there, of representation by population. When a small county was taken away from a larger one and a division took place, we always treated the smaller county with a great deal of consideration: we have assisted in the erection of its public buildings; we have given representation to its small population, and we have given additional aid for its public works, roads, bridges and the like; but the principle never has been broached there that population was to be the guide. To some extent it has, of course;—when a county increased faster, in population, than any of the others, we would give it an additional member, but there never has been any attempt made to disfranchise one constituency in order to increase the representation of another. The hon. gentleman, I believe, was in Parliament at the time when the County of Northumberland was divided into three, and subsequently into four, but they left Northumberland its original representation and gave the new counties representation as well. He and I were in Parliament when the County of Westmoreland, which he represents, was divided. It was originally represented by four members, and Westmoreland, although then left but a small county, and not a very populous one, retained its four members, and the County of Albert, which was set off from it, got two.

HON. MR. BOTSFORD—That is admitting the principle of representation by population.

HON. MR. WARK—The hon. member would disfranchise the counties of Queens