

tution, although I hold very decided views on that point, but it is right we should consider whether the principle observed in its creation have [sic] been adhered to viz., an equitable distribution of its political power between the two parties.

Since 1867 thirty one (31) appointments have been made to the Senate. Of these nine were from the three new Provinces. In one only of these Provinces was there any attempt to consult the political divisions which had previously prevailed in the Province viz. in Prince Edward Island where two were selected from each party. All the other Senators were selected from the ranks of the ministerial party, the net result being that twenty-nine (29) were chosen because they were allies of the governing party and two of their opponents by agreement with the Islanders. The result on the whole being that the Opposition to the present administration controul the Senate by a very large majority.

Another provision of the illegible in connection with the death of two of the members aggravates this disparity of numbers. Under the impression that P.E. Island would enter the Union in 1867 it was grouped with N Scotia and N Brunswick, the group to have

its political power between the two political parties. Since 1867, thirty-one appointments have been made. Of these nine (9) were made to give representation to the three new Provinces of Manitoba, Columbia and Prince Edward Island. In one only of these Provinces was there any attempt made to consult the political divisions which had previously prevailed, viz., in Prince Edward Island, where two were selected from each side.

All the others were selected from the ranks of the then ministerial party: the net result being that twenty-nine (29) of the new Senators were on one side and two (2) on the other. The result on the whole being that the Opposition to the present Administration controul the Senate by a very large majority.

Another provision of the British North American Act taken in connection with the death of two of the members aggravates this disparity of numbers.

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