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gaining ground that it is too much the creation of the Administration of the day. The fair equilibrium which should exist has been seriously disturbed, and a sufficiently clear case has been established to justify the application of the counterpoise provided by the Constitution.

The new Administration should have an opportunity of seating some of the prominent supporters of its policy before the commencement of the coming Session not merely to remove to the limited extent possible the disparity in numbers, but for the purpose of having able advocates of the Government measures in the House.

It should be noted that the addition of six members will really be only an actual addition of four to the present number, as the vacancies in the Maritime Provinces cannot be filled for the reasons stated and further vacancies may occur at any moment to reduce the number still further.

Respectfully submitted,
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