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**THE DISSOLUTION.**

The formal announcement by the Governor General in his speech proroguing the Dominion Parliament that the dissolution of that Parliament has been deemed expedient in order "to bring into operation the measure for the readjustment of the representation in the House of

"Commons," is an interesting fact, proving, as it does, that the views of Sir John A. Macdonald have undergone an important change since 1854. At that period of Canadian history, it will be recollected that an Act had been passed, which, under the very stringent provisions of the Union Act of 1840, required the support of two-thirds of all members of the Legislative Council, and of the House of Assembly, and which increased the representation in the House of Assembly from 84 to 120, besides enlarging the constituencies by extending the franchise. It was unfortunate that owing to the persistent opposition of the