

would wish for a greater share of the Representation than in proportion to their population?

A. No, they would not wish it, with very few exceptions.

Q. 10. What proportion do the qualified Electors in the Townships bear to the population?

A. I should say that nine-tenths of the inhabitants above twenty-one are Landholders.

Q. 11. Do you think that nearly the same proportion prevails throughout the country parts of the Province generally?

A. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the old settlements to give an opinion on that subject.

Q. 12. What is your opinion in regard to a fair Representation for the Townships, and a division of them for the purpose which would be the most convenient for the Freeholders to attend the Elections?

A. From six to ten would be fair, even six satisfactory, but from their dispersed situation ten might be required for their convenience. They do not insist so much upon the number as their having Representatives of their choice, so that their wants and circumstances may be better understood.

Q. 13. When you speak of from six to ten Representatives for the Townships do you mean for all the inhabited Townships in the south-west part of the Province in Saint Regis as well as those on the Ottawa?

A. I speak of those south of the Saint Lawrence only. I conceive the Townships' population on the south of the Saint Lawrence to be about forty thousand souls.

Q. 14. Will you have the goodness to look at the division proposed on a Map now exhibited, and mention whether you think it would be convenient for the inhabitants of the different settlements to attend at Elections, and upon the whole be satisfactory to the people in the Townships?

A. I think it would. I should propose that the Townships of Potton and Bolton were included in Dunham County; I think that the place of the Polls, as mentioned by Mr. Evans in his testimony now had, could not be improved in the present state of the Population.

Q. 15. Have the population of the Townships materially increased during the last ten years?

A. It has. I should suppose that the increase in that time has been about one-third.

Q. 16. Is it increased much by Emigration?

A. Partially so.

Q. 17. Where are the Emigrants chiefly from?

A. The greatest number come in from the United States, at least two to one come in from there, mostly young men; they get land cheaper and of a good quality.

Q. 18. How far do the European Emigrants extend?

A. They are chiefly at Drummondville, and some at Sherbrooke—a number have gone into Eaton to take up new lands. The Irish are scattered all over.

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