

4. Have any been torn down or sold? If sold, how many, to whom and at what price?

5. Was any application received for use of these buildings to relieve the housing shortage? If so, from whom?

6. What use has been made of buildings, (a) during war; (b) afterwards?

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. St. Laurent,—That, whereas by the British North America Act, 1867, it is provided that in respect of representation in the House of Commons the province of Quebec shall have the fixed number of sixty-five members;

And whereas the said Act provides that there shall be assigned to each of the other provinces such a number of members as will bear the same proportion to the number of its population as the number sixty-five bears to the number of the population of Quebec;

And whereas the said Act provides for the readjustment of representation on the completion of each decennial census, and that on any such readjustment the number of members for a province shall not be reduced unless the proportion which the number of the population of the province bore to the number of the aggregate population of Canada at the then last preceding readjustment of the number of members for the province is ascertained at the then latest census to be diminished by one twentieth part or upwards;

And whereas the effect of the aforesaid provisions has not been satisfactory in that proportionate representation of the provinces according to population has not been maintained;

And whereas it is considered that a more equitable apportionment of members to the various provinces could be effected if readjustment were made on the basis of the population of all the provinces taken as a whole.

A humble address be presented to His Majesty The King in the following words:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty, praying that You may graciously be pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom to be expressed as follows:

An Act to provide for the readjustment of representation in the House of Commons of Canada on the basis of the population of Canada;

Whereas the Senate and House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled have submitted an address to His Majesty praying that His Majesty may graciously be pleased to cause a bill to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom for the enactment of the provisions hereinafter set forth.

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Section fifty-one of the British North America Act, 1867, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

51. (1) The number of members of the House of Commons shall be Two hundred and fifty-five and the representation of the provinces therein shall forthwith upon the coming into force of this section and thereafter on the completion of each decennial census be readjusted by such authority, in such