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2nd Session, 6th Parliament, 22 Victoria, 1859.

## BILL.

An Act to proportion the representation of the several Electoral Divisions of this Province in the Legislative Assembly to their respective population.

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Hon. Mr. CAMERON

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An Act to proportion the representation of the several Electoral Divisions of this Province, in the Legislative Assembly, to their respective population.

**W**HEREAS it is right that the representation of the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly, should be proportioned to the population of the several electoral divisions, as nearly as will be conveniently practicable, and without depriving any place now entitled to be represented in the Legislative Assembly of its right to return a member; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

Preamble.

I. At and after the first general election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, after the next general census of the Province, and at each subsequent general election; the representation of the people thereof in the Legislative Assembly shall be apportioned as follows, among the several Counties, Ridings, Cities and Towns, now entitled to return a Member or Members to the Legislative Assembly :

Apportionment of Members after next census.

If, according to the then last general census of the Province, the population of such County, Riding, City or Town does not exceed twenty thousand souls, it shall return one Member ;

If its population, according to such census, exceeds twenty thousand, but does not exceed thirty thousand souls, it shall return two Members ;

If its population, according to such census, exceeds thirty thousand, but does not exceed forty-five thousand souls, it shall return three Members ;

If its population, according to such census, exceeds forty-five thousand, but does not exceed sixty thousand souls, it shall return four Members ;

And if its population, according to such census, exceeds sixty thousand souls, it shall return five Members ; And the writs of election shall be issued accordingly for the election of one, two, three, four or five Members, as the case may require.

II. If any general census of the Province be taken during any Parliament, the number of representatives to which each County, Riding, City or Town shall be entitled, shall not be affected by such census until the then next general election of Members of the Legislative Assembly for a new Parliament.

As to census taken during any Parliament.

III. This Act shall not in any way affect the boundaries of any County, Riding, City or Town for the purposes of representation in the Legislative Assembly.

Act not to affect boundaries.