

leader of the opposition, we could draft a section for that purpose.

Mr. LAKE. In what month of the year will the next quinquennial census take place; and what is the meaning of the phrase 'the completion of the next quinquennial census'? Does that mean the date at which the actual computation of the population is completed; and, if so, would it mean that the redistribution will take place in the session of 1906 or 1907?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The taking of the quinquennial census is provided for in a Bill which went through the House this session. I do not think there is anything in the law which provides for the taking of a census in any particular month.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. It is a much simpler census than the decennial one. I think it is just a census of the population.

Mr. FISHER. Section 8 subsection 2 provides:

A census of the population and agriculture of the province of Manitoba and of the provisional districts of Alberta, Assiniboia and Saskatchewan in the Northwest Territories shall be taken by the office under the direction of the minister, according to special forms and instructions to be approved by the minister on a date in the month of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and six, to be fixed by the Governor in Council, and every tenth year thereafter.

Of course that will have to be changed when the Territories become provinces, but it applies to the present Territories and must be changed so as to affect Manitoba and the new provinces.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. It will be necessary to make a change in this law, because I find it does not refer to the provisional district of Athabaska, and in view of the fact that the financial clauses are dependent upon the quinquennial census it will be absolutely essential to make that clear.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Why is it necessary to take it for Manitoba?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. For financial purposes.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Not in order to afford Manitoba increased representation although Manitoba may be growing more rapidly than these western provinces.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The same principle applies to Manitoba.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. But not as to representation.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Yes, the conditions of the representation of Manitoba have been based on the quinquennial census as well as the decennial.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. This re-adjustment may add more than ten members to Manitoba.

Mr. FITZPATRICK.

Mr. FISHER. That has been the law in regard to Manitoba.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I think it will be good policy to stick to this Bill. I have as much as I can do to attend to it.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. There is going to be a very far reaching re-adjustment of representation not next year, but the year after.

Mr. FISHER. The arrangement as far as Manitoba is concerned is just the same; it has been so ever since the erection of that province.

Mr. MONK. Has the Minister of Justice considered whether this legislation does not clash to a certain extent with section 51 of the British North America Act. Of course it seems equitable enough that the representation should be increased in a district where the population will increase so rapidly, but the terms of section 51 which affect the method of redistribution amongst the different provinces can only take effect every ten years. Under this legislation after five years there would be a complete redistribution for these two new provinces outside of any consideration of the other provinces altogether. Is my hon. friend still of opinion that there is no clashing or contradiction between that legislation and the disposition of section 1 of the British North America Act?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. No, I do not think it. Section 51 of the British North America Act my hon. friend will notice, was adopted in section 5. And then if my hon. friend will look at the Manitoba Act he will find the same principle applied there as far back as 1870, because we simply proceed upon the lines laid down in the Manitoba Act.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Does not section 52 cover it?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Section 52 will cover it after the next quinquennial census; after the first re-adjustment.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I was somewhat impressed by the observation of the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) I do not know whether I caught exactly the idea that he put forward, but it seemed to me to be this. It is quite competent under the Act of 1871 to provide at any time for increased representation or re-adjustment of representation of the Territories. When you have once constituted these Territories into provinces does not section 51 of the British North America Act come into force and can you after you have constituted them into provinces give them an extension of representation except upon a decennial census. Do you not limit your power as to that when you once establish them into provinces.