

Prince Edward Island and the Amendment Formula

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Prince Edward Island's opinions about constitutional amendment in Canada are determined by the size of the province. The tiny partner with a population of 108,000 is scarcely in a position to press any opinion; it is fortunate to have a voice at all. Consequently discretion has been its official policy; its government has said nothing and its legislature has not debated the matter.

Appropriately enough, it was in the Island's legislative building that the subject was discussed by a federal-provincial conference attended by the Prime Minister and all Premiers. This conference was held in Charlottetown on September 1 and 2, 1964 to mark the hundredth anniversary of the first Conference of the Fathers of Confederation, and discussions took place around the table at which the Fathers sat. Later the local legislature passed without discussion a resolution approving the "Act to Provide for the Amendment in Canada of the Constitution of Canada." There was neither debate on, nor expressed official "reaction" to, subsequent developments.

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