

*Redistribution*

These are matters which I submit the commission has an obligation to re-examine and to report in detail.

Sir, I had the privilege of filing certain objections in relation to the proposed electoral districts of Etobicoke and York West and in metropolitan Toronto generally and to the readjustments in northern Ontario. Other members will be speaking on these subjects. I merely wish to say to the commission that these representations which I filed were based on serious representations made to me by political organizations in these areas, and I hope that the commissioners will give them their earnest consideration.

In conclusion, sir, I hope that the members of the commission will take very seriously the views which have been and will be expressed in this debate. They should know that the great majority of Ontario members of all parties are gravely dissatisfied with the work of the commission. These representations which we are making this evening are not mere politicians' gripes. They are an honest expression of sincere opinions of the people who do know Ontario best, who know its geography, its cultural and social affinities, its economic regions, its trade and communication patterns. It is because we, the members from Ontario, do know our Ontario that we are here representing the people in Ontario in this chamber. I say that our views and opinions publicly expressed in this chamber are entitled to respect and to sincere consideration by the commission to whom we have abdicated this vital function. I ask the representation commissioner to refrain from continuing the cavalier attitude he has displayed and to examine the views which are expressed in this debate with an open and judicial mind.

The commission has an obligation to parliament and to the people to give balanced and detailed study to these representations, and to seek further counsel where necessary. If they do, I am certain that much of the Ontario redistribution cannot stand as now proposed.

None of us here has any vested interest in any particular riding or in any geographic unit. My two and a half year holiday from this house certainly proved that to me. When we who are now in this chamber leave it, others will take our places and try to do a sincere job for their ridings and for Canada. What I want to make certain is that we have a redistribution which will give these members of the future, who succeed us, geographic units and areas which make possible the

finest representation of the people of this great nation.

**Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey North):** Mr. Speaker, at the outset I should like to commend the hon. member for Carleton (Mr. Bell) for the excellent general presentation he has made in relation to the over-all problems of this redistribution. Therefore I propose to speak only of my own area.

It has been my privilege and honour to represent the good riding of Grey North since 1957. This riding embraces an area that has been in the same unit since confederation, a riding that became prominent in the famous by-election of 1945, the results of which were headline news across this nation. I might also say that I have had 14 predecessors since the birth of Canada. Needless to say, each has made a worthy contribution and I pay tribute to them.

I object to the boundaries as set up for the new proposed riding of Grey Simcoe because of the complete disregard for the social, cultural and economic interests of the municipalities that are grouped together. For instance, the townships of Flos and Tiny on the east are closely linked with Penetang and Midland, and they should remain in the same riding as these two towns because they have little in common with Owen Sound on the west. On the other hand, Keppel, Sarawak and Derby townships have everything in common with Owen Sound. In fact, hundreds of people from these townships work in that city; yet the new boundary eliminates these municipalities from that city in their midst and from the riding.

The geographical aspects have certainly been ignored, and from this point of view it would be virtually impossible to have unity or community of interest.

Another important factor that must be considered and which, of course, has developed since the census was taken is the designation of the Georgian bay area. Several new, large factories will be in production this year and others are under construction, so that an immediate population growth is assured. As further evidence of the impending development, which will certainly result in increased population, I would like to read an excerpt from an article in yesterday's Owen Sound *Sun-Times* which came to my hand today. The heading is "Many industries showing interest in Owen Sound", and the article goes on:

Negotiations are proceeding with a dozen or more industrial prospects for Owen Sound. Some appear