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### Gerrymander Wipes It Out.

CENT TO GET THREE MEMBERS-CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS PROTEST.

Ottawa; May 20 .- Sir Wilfrid Laurie resterday afternoon introduced the re-histribution bill. He claimed that the measure provided for a return , to county boundaries. It provides that division of counties into ridings be nade by a commission of judges. Bothwell, Cardwell and West Ontario dis-appear and the representation of Middlesex is reduced from four to titee. The representation thus wiped out will be given to Dufferin, Parry Sound, and two more members in Kent. London will consist of the city Kent. London will consist of the city of London, with one member; Hamilton, two members; Toronto divided into four, with one member each. Sir Czarles Tupper's speech was a telling arraignment of the government, who, by means of an inquitous franchise act, the gravest corruption, such as Zas been seen in West-Huron, West Eigin and elsewhere recently, and the present measure, Eape to retain the power they secured under false presences.

SIR WILFRID'S SPEECH.

S'r Wilfrid said, among other things. I may say at once, that the object we have in view in presenting this bill is not to make a total redistribution of the electoral districts under which the house of commons is now constituted. We deem that it would not be expedient at this time to do more than ando so far as we can the most daring violations of a principle which we have always held and which has always been universally held by public opinion in this exactly to be a fundamental principle of representation in this country. We think it is a principle which will comment itself universally to public opinion that the basis of representation in this house should be the municipal country organization.

I cannot do better upon this point than to quote the tanguage of Sir John A Macdonald, when the first redistributions net of Confederation was introduced in 1872.

SIR JOHN'S VIEW. SIR WILFRID'S SPEECH.

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The language which he made use of on that occasion read as follows—

"It is desired, as mapt as possible, to keep the representation within the county, so that each county that is a municipality of Ontario should be represented, and if it becomes large enough, that it should be divided into ridings. That principle is carried out in the suggestion I am about to make. That rule was broken in 1867 in three constituencies. namely, Bothwell, Cardwell and Monak, and I do not think on the whole that the experiment has proved a successful one. I do not think it was unsuccessful, so far as the representatives of these new constituencies thusmelves are concerned by the guileums who now hold seats for these constituencies, and L hope that if I am returned again to the representative of the search that there is a great advantage in inving counties elect men whom they work in the search of the county of the search of the sear

Lis puonici ne oy being eteoted by the neighbors who know, him, to the county council. If Le shows himself possessed of administrative ability, Le may be made reeve or deputy reeve of the county. He becomes a member of the county council, and as his experience increases, and Lis character and abilities become known, Le is selected by six people for their representative to parliament. It is, I trank, a grand system trait the people of Canada sizuid have the opportunity of cacosing for policical promotion the men in whem they have most confidence, and of whose abilities they are fully assured. All that great advantage is lost by cutting off a portion of two counties and adding them to gettler for electoral purposes only. These portions so cut off have no common interest; they do not meet together, and they have no common feet together and the policient purposes to counter to the policient of the propert for them. So that as much as poissible, from any point of view, it is advisable that counties should refuse new which they do not know, and scheduling principle in 1872.

The first principle that we lay down, as I said a moment ago, is that municipal county organizations shall be the basis of representation, and the consequent principle to this one is that county municipal organization should not be interfered with, and these county municipal organization should not be interfered with, and there county municipal organization should not be interfered with, and these county of the

bounty should not be separated piecemeal, but that it should be annexed to the neighboring county. It is provided that a county may be divided intoridings on the principle we want to lay 
down, and which we do act upon, which 
is, that whenever counties have to be 
divided into ridings, whenever a county 
which up to that time is entitled to one 
member, becomes entitled to two or 
three members the division should take 
place by judicial decision and authority. This is the principle upon which 
we base the bill that we introduce to 
this house now. (Cheers.)

BOTHWELL WIPED OUT.

After these preliminary observations

After these preliminary observations as to the guiding principles upon which we have acted, I will now proceed to give to the House-the-character of the bill which we have introduced. I may say at first, keeping in view the main observations with which. I started, that it is not our intention to have a general redistribution, but simply to unido certain wrongs that we think were done to the people and certain of the more glaring violations which took place in regard to the principle we hold as sacred. (Ministrial cheers.) It is not the intention to have any disturbance at the intention to have any disturbance at the intention to have any disturbance at present in the following constituencies:—Ottawa, Carleton, Addington, Durham, Froatence, Glengarry, Grenville, Halton, Hastings, Kingston, Lanark, Leeds, Lennox, Nipissing, Northumterland, Peterboro, Prince Edward, Renfrew, Russell, Stormont and Cornwall, Victoria and Waterloo. There remain undisturbed, In the remarks which I quoted a moment ago, Sir John Macdonald said that county lines had been interfered with in three i instances at Confederation—that is to say, in the cases of Cardwell, Monck and Bothwell. The House it seems, agreeing with Sir John Macdonald, has already caused Monck to be redistributed. It is proposed on this oreasion that Bothwell and Cardwell should disappear and West Ontario also. It is proposed also that Middlesex, which now returns four members, shall only return three for the four existing constituencies, and vespessniation, will be given to the county of Dufferin and to the electoral district of Parry Sound, and two additional members to Kent, Ontario, Mr. Bergeron—That will be three members for Kent!

The Prime Minister—Yea, that takes out part of Bothwell. The bill proposes of the city of Lornoto shall consist of the city of Lornoto shall consist of the city of Underland and Wentworth, and the territorial district of Mushon, wellington, Wentworth and Perth shall each be an electoral district of the city of Homilton, and shall return

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cial meeting of the local board of health was held yesterday afternoon to consider the Hansboro quarantine

Ounlop and J. C. Wilsnors.

The chairman read a communication from Geo G. Martin, notifying the court that, as no section had been taken in the matter of Mrs. Hansboro's claim re quarantine, Mrs. Hansboro had instructed him to enter an action in the High Court for \$500 damages within ten days, unless some satisfactory arrangement was made.

The tourd did not enter into any long discussion of the matter and the following motion, presented by Mr. Dunlop and asconded by Mr. Hulin, carried manimously:—

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