

should, and to help out the other provinces, especially Saskatchewan, which otherwise would lose four members.

The leader of the C.C.F. party spoke about representation by population. I wonder if he has studied the situation in Canada to-day, if he has looked at the great shift of population which has taken place, at the great number of people who have left Saskatchewan, particularly, and who have gone principally to British Columbia. I know one cannot always judge by the number of electors in speaking of representation by population, but if one looks over the figures for the last election he will find that on the voters' lists of the province of Saskatchewan they had only 445,601 names, with twenty-one members in this house, while we in the province of British Columbia had 545,077 names on the voters' lists and only sixteen members. In other words, we had five members fewer than Saskatchewan, although they had 99,000 fewer on their voters' lists.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: A lot better members, though.

Mr. REID: Well, this is one time I think I can agree with the hon. member for Fraser Valley (Mr. Cruickshank). Then, when one speaks of representation by population, one should look at the various constituencies. I know criticism has been offered concerning Prince Edward Island. It has been said, "Oh, they have four members and their total population is not more than 95,000." If one looks over the various ridings in Canada it will be seen that the constituency with the smallest population is not in Prince Edward Island at all but in Ontario. Just consider: in Ontario there is one constituency with a population of something like 18,732, and another with a population of 113,000, and it is not a city constituency.

Mr. KNOWLES: What are those two ridings?

Mr. REID: The smallest one is Glengarry.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. REID: But the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), who represents that riding, had nothing to do with the number of people in it. I was a member of the last redistribution committee, and at that time I swore I would never serve on another redistribution committee. I never saw as much selfishness or as much fighting as I saw there. Talk about being Canadians and working for the whole of Canada! In that committee it amounted almost to warfare. I remember one gentleman who has since gone to his reward coming into

this house with the redistribution map and poking his cane right through it; he was so wild. Many hon. members will remember that. I can tell the present official opposition that members from this party had nothing to do with shaping the constituencies. The maps were simply placed before us and we were told, "That's that. Take it or lump it." If anyone cares to look over those maps he will be reminded of one of those cross-word puzzles. The government of that day endeavoured to carve out the Tories from certain districts and the Liberals from others.

Mr. MacNICOL: Not in Ontario.

Mr. REID: I heard complaints from the province of Ontario.

Mr. MacNICOL: The hon. member has mentioned Ontario, and I said, "Not in Ontario." Thirty-one seats in Ontario were not altered, and some of the others would not have been altered had it not been for this mess here in eastern Ontario.

Mr. REID: Well, you were a member of that committee.

Mr. MacNICOL: I was Ontario chairman of it, and I know what I am talking about.

Mr. REID: To those who laughed about the constituency of Glengarry, I commend that statement; the hon. member was chairman of the committee for Ontario at that time.

Mr. MacNICOL: I know the hon. member wants to be fair, and would not impute anything like that to me. We did our best to put—

An hon. MEMBER: Be fair.

Mr. MacNICOL: I am always fair. We did our best to put Prescott and Russell together, making one seat, and Glengarry and Stormont together, which would make one seat; but such a hubbub was kicked up in certain places in the east end of Ontario that, sooner than have a political civil war in eastern Ontario, we let it go. You may have to do the same thing.

Mr. REID: The house will be pleased that the cat has got out of the bag at last. I was on that committee, and I do not want to go on one again, because it was just one of those terrible headaches.

Mr. COLDWELL: Would the hon. member favour the setting up of a judicial commission, independent of the house.

Mr. REID: I am not convinced that a judicial commission would be the solution. But one thing I am convinced of is that we should