

Redistribution

school boards and all parishes in the riding of Saint-Jean-Iberville-Napierville, which comprised the former riding which becomes the riding of Saint-Jean. All object to the withdrawal of all the parishes of the riding of Iberville, except the town of Iberville.

We have no objection, and all those who met to consider this boundary readjustment do not object to the addition of all centres: Napierville, Chateauguay and Laprairie.

However, we have serious objection to the fact that in the riding of Iberville, only the town of Iberville will be included in the riding of Saint-Jean.

There are there six parishes, the farthest being merely 10 miles from the town of Saint-Jean, and there is added to the constituency of Saint-Jean some parishes that are as far away as 40 to 45 miles.

Under these circumstances, we respectfully request that the commission give consideration to maintaining within the boundaries of Saint-Jean constituency, all the parishes that it contains at the present time.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): The remarks of the hon. member conclude consideration of objection No. 26 concerning the municipalities of Beauharnois, Chambly, Laprairie, Longueuil and Saint-Jean.

Now that the house has discussed the objection, it is my duty, according to the act, to send back the report to the elections boundary commission, with a copy of the objection and a copy of the House of Commons Debates, so that it may reconsider the matter.

We have concluded consideration of the objections that have been submitted in respect of the boundaries of some constituencies in the Province of Quebec and we shall proceed with consideration of objections dealing with Prince Edward Island's constituencies.

● (4:50 p.m.)

[English]

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, I wish to offer a suggestion to which I think the house might give unanimous consent. We have a speaker to the objection formulated in respect of the constituency of Trois-Rivières. While it was agreed that this objection should stand until the end of the proceedings, perhaps we might reconsider that decision and as there is in the chamber a speaker to the objection in relation to Trois-Rivières he might be allowed to speak now.

Mr. Starr: We have no objection to that, Mr. Speaker, if he is here now. With regard

[Mr. Beaulieu.]

to any of the objections that were stood, if the hon. members are here now I think we should hear them.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): Does the house agree to hear the hon. member in respect of the objection in relation to the constituency of Trois-Rivières?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): Objection No. 3 concerning the constituency of Trois-Rivières.

Proposed Electoral District of Trois-Rivières:

That, pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (Chapter 31, Statutes of Canada 1964-65), consideration be given by this house to the matter of an objection to the provisions of the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the province of Quebec, laid before this house by Mr. Speaker on Wednesday, January 19, 1966, on the grounds set forth hereafter:

Objections to the new boundaries of the constituency of Trois-Rivières:

The petition is filed in order that the town of Trois-Rivières-Ouest may continue to be a part of the federal constituency of Trois-Rivières for the following reasons:

(a) the town of Trois-Rivières-Ouest is a part of the physical and demographic entity of greater Trois-Rivières;

(b) its problems at all levels are, for all practical purposes, identical with those of Trois-Rivières;

(c) pursuant to the policy of the provincial Department of Municipal Affairs, Trois-Rivières-Ouest will soon have to merge with the city of Trois-Rivières;

(d) the municipal council of Trois-Rivières-Ouest has filed a formal petition for the purpose of remaining within the federal constituency of Trois-Rivières.

Mr. Duquet: Mr. Speaker, with regard to this objection, I think the member for Trois-Rivières (Mr. Mongrain) would like certain explanations to be given.

It is simply a question of making the members of the Commission understand that the part of Trois-Rivières called Trois-Rivières-Ouest, which the new boundaries readjustment has removed from the riding of Trois-Rivières, should for major reasons remain in that riding, since Trois-Rivières-Ouest is to be annexed by the Quebec government to the city of Trois-Rivières itself.

Practically speaking, the problems of Trois-Rivières-Ouest are the same as those of Trois-Rivières. Trois-Rivières-Ouest is soon to be made part of the city of Trois-Rivières. The municipal council of Trois-Rivières-Ouest has even formally requested to remain in the riding of Trois-Rivières-Ouest remain in the riding of situation if tomorrow Trois-Ri-