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Such is the hope and wish of the entire population of the riding. Jonquière is the major city in the riding, the seat of the constituency. The Chamber of Commerce, the municipalities, the school boards have been asking for such a change for years. The previous members of the riding have also requested it.

In such circumstances, since it is the unanimous wish of the constituency, the commission should not object to change the name of the constituency in order to give it a more appropriate geographical name, that is the constituency of Jonquière.

It is the constituency's name at the provincial level. At the federal level the constituency would be called Jonquière. In addition to being the wish and the desire of all my constituents, it would also be an advantage for the population, both from the standpoints of tourism and of knowledge of the constituency.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does this complete the consideration of Objection No. 2?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The house having considered this objection, it will be the duty of Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, to refer the report of the Boundaries Commission together with a copy of the objection and also a copy of the debates of the house back to the commission for consideration thereof.

Mr. Ricard: Was that No. 3?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. May I for clarity, suggest to the house that when referring to the objections in the order given to the Speaker, that I refer to the number on the Speaker's list and also to the number on the list in the pamphlet.

Mr. Lambert: That is the best way.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We shall now take objection listed as No. 4 on the Speaker's list and as No. 6 in the pamphlet.

On February 11 last a notice of objection in the form of a motion was filed with Mr. Speaker in the following terms, namely:

[Translation]

Proposed Electoral District of Stanstead:

That, pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (Chapter 31, Statutes [Mr. Grégoire.] 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:

We have made representations before the commission in Sherbrooke, on July 13, 1965, in order that Compton be allowed to keep its name, since 75 per cent of the parishes are located in Compton. These representations have been made to prevent Compton from being replaced by Stanstead.

Mr. Henri Latulippe (Compton-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, with regard to the constituency which I represent, we have received from many municipalities protests against the deletion of the name Compton. The name Compton had been replaced by Stanstead. The Compton parishes account for more than 75 per cent of the area. However, it was proposed to call it Stanstead.

I have here several resolutions of municipalities opposed to this change of name. The constituency of Compton-Frontenac comprises three quarters of the future constituency of Stanstead. I hope that the name of the area which will be entrusted to us will be Compton because that name is our best asset during election time, and the people of the constituency have always voted at Compton; therefore, I protest against calling it Stanstead.

Several aldermen and mayors suggest that the name of Compton be kept. Furthermore, it is asked that the size of the riding be reduced. The hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi (Mr. Grafftey) told me he did not object to keeping in his county the following municipalities: Stanstead, Rock Island, Dixville, Barnston, Barnston West, Ogden, Ayers Cliff and Beebe Plain.

The reason for this request is to meet all the needs expressed by the voters and economic and agricultural interests. Highways 9 and 50 separate the counties of Compton and Brome-Missisquoi.

Mr. Speaker, we ask the Commission to revise its decision so that the parishes I have just listed remain in the riding of Brome-Missisquoi and all further divisions be determined by highways 9 and 50 which separate the counties of Compton and Brome-Missisquoi. There would be no highway to cross in going to a parish, which could represent a fair distance and create difficulties for many people. It would be better to leave these parishes in Brome-Missisquoi than to include them in the county of Compton.

Thus, once more, let us keep the name of Compton and of the parishes I have already