

I would draw the attention of the government to another thing, which perhaps may not seem to have very much to do with this question, but out in Saskatchewan now there are three provincial vacancies, one in Estevan, one in Happyland and one in the Battlefords. Only less than a week ago the provincial member for the Battlefords, Mr. S. W. Huston, died. Now if the city of North Battleford feels, as I am sure the people there will feel, that they are not being properly treated in this redistribution bill, I would ask what effect is that going to have on the provincial by-election? So far as I can see, unintentionally no doubt on the part of this government, they are going to make the third vacancy in Saskatchewan go against the Anderson government. That is what the result is likely to be.

Mr. TURNBULL: Why are you worrying?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I am not worrying. I would rather see the cause of complaint removed on the part of North Battleford than see the Anderson government further embarrassed by leaving this redistribution map as it is. Governments come and governments go, as they always have and will, but for North Battleford to be deprived even in name of her hinterland with which she is naturally associated will be something she will feel for many and many a day. I leave it with the government. I have endeavoured to put the case plainly and earnestly, and I do feel very earnestly about it because it does seem to me to be a wrong that should be righted. Like my leader I leave it now entirely with the government to come to a conclusion based upon a sound and well-reasoned judgment in the matter.

Mr. TURNBULL: Mr. Chairman, as towns grow, the area of their influence grows, but their political size must decrease as the population grows. The area of North Battleford's commercial influence has grown large and the population has grown large at the same time, but to place North Battleford on one side or the other does not affect its commercial influence or the hinterland around it at all.

There are a great many things to be considered in a redistribution, and when you apply one of the yardsticks only you can get all sorts of incongruities. I defy my hon. friends to draw any map of Saskatchewan that I could not, by applying one yardstick at a time, criticize a great deal more effectively than they have criticized this particular map. There are present trends of population to be considered, and future trends, natural

boundaries, accessibility, community of interest and probably many other matters which affect the situation. Undoubtedly the boundaries of North Battleford could have been drawn in different places by any person, and undoubtedly they could have been attacked wherever they had been drawn, but as they are drawn now you have a small, compact territory. If my hon. friend from Battleford complains that he is now in a Conservative constituency—I do not know whether he is or not—he is in very good company for a short time anyway, and he should not complain about that. With regard to the size of Battleford as at present constituted, there are eight constituencies larger than it is.

With regard to the queries of the hon. member for Humboldt (Mr. Totzke) as to the south boundary of Qu'Appelle and as to Weyburn constituency, again I ask, why worry? The members themselves are perfectly satisfied, so why complain?

With regard to the six sections removed from Qu'Appelle and placed in Melville, the people in those six sections can vote with very much more convenience in Melville than in Qu'Appelle, and the people who were formerly in Qu'Appelle can vote more conveniently where they are now. That is why these changes were made, and it is a very good and sufficient reason.

With regard to the suburbs of Regina I should have been glad to retain the whole constituency of Regina as it stood. I have personal and political friends in the part removed. The suburbs that have been taken off gave me a majority of 250 at the last election, so it is no personal reason that requires that they should be removed from the city. They will now have two members to look after them because they will always be more or less connected with Regina, and the member for Qu'Appelle will also look after their interests.

With regard to the western boundary of Moose Jaw it is precisely the line on one of the maps presented by the hon. member for Humboldt. Why then does he complain?

With regard to Saskatoon there is truly a reduction in the amount of the rural area, but having regard to the population of Rosethorn, and having regard to the fact that Saskatoon has grown approximately fifty per cent in the last ten years and is the centre of a very large area of future growth, it was considered that the rural area attached to it was sufficiently large to be satisfactory to the people. If every city in the country was given the territory surrounding it and attached to it by commercial interests, we would have a