

Mr. MOTHERWELL: The primary purpose of redistribution is to equalize the population in the different constituencies, but population seems to be the last thing under consideration in this bill. At all events, Mr. Chairman, I wish to make some observations before we pass section 3.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: If the new bill or any part of it is being substituted for the whole or any part of the old one, some motion will have to be made to that effect; otherwise we shall be at sixes and sevens.

Mr. BENNETT: It is not a substitution. The chairman has the bill as introduced, and motions will be made as we proceed to deal with the changes. In connection with the schedule for the province of Ontario, for instance, I propose to move that a new schedule be substituted, the schedule that has been initialed by the committee and checked by the chief electoral officer and by the law officers and by the geographers—shall I say?—of the departments, so that there is no question as to the accuracy of the description. That is really what has been holding up the printing and distribution of the bill. As the right hon. gentleman knows, it is a difficult task to check up all these boundaries and be sure that they are accurate. Mr. Castonguay has been giving his entire time to the matter.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I understand some minor adjustments have been made concerning other provinces since the original bill was drawn.

Mr. BENNETT: Do I understand the hon. member to ask whether or not any changes have been made with respect to Manitoba?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: Nothing, with the exception of the checking of spelling and some verifications made by the law officers and the chief electoral officer. There has been no change in substance at all, I am sure.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I believe there was a change, which was agreed to by the various groups, which was to be introduced. It was to be brought in at the time the schedules were being discussed.

Mr. BENNETT: Which one was that?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: The change I refer to concerned my own constituency of Winnipeg North Centre, and particularly a certain block now belonging to Winnipeg South Centre. I was not on the committee,

but I understand certain changes were agreed to by all parties concerned.

Mr. BENNETT: To date, no change has been made in it. We will deal with it when we come to it.

Mr. LAPOINTE: The right hon. Prime Minister has stated a new schedule has been printed because some arrangements have been concluded so far as Ontario is concerned, and in regard to two or three places in Quebec. As the press stated yesterday and this morning that there had been arrangements made for Quebec, with the exception of one or two cases, I desire to correct that wrong impression. So far as I know there have been no arrangements made for Quebec, and the bill is just as bad to-day as it was two days ago.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Speaking of newspaper reports, I notice this evening's Journal has reference to changes which are supposed to have been made in the revised bill. If this is authentic I think it is extraordinary that the Conservative press should receive information ahead of parliament on a matter parliament is discussing. I should like to read from the Ottawa Evening Journal of to-day the article dealing with alleged concessions which have been made:

Names Of Two Ottawa Seats Are Changed
Constituencies Will Be Known as East
and West Ottawa

Concessions Made In Prince Albert

In the new draft of the schedules of the Redistribution Bill, the proposed names of South Ottawa and North East Ottawa for the two constituencies of the capital have been altered to West Ottawa and East Ottawa respectively. Concessions have been made by Conservatives to Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader, in the Saskatchewan riding of Prince Albert.

It is definitely understood that the government is amending the representation measure to restore some 6,000 residents to Prince Albert. This, as was pointed out, leaves little uncertainty over the reelection of Mr. Mackenzie King in Prince Albert.

Conservative members further explained that nothing was being done in West Calgary to further the reelection of the Prime Minister, who is the member for that seat. It was stated that the change being made in East Calgary, which is represented by Doctor G. D. Stanley, if anything, endangers Mr. Bennett's prospects.

A deadlock was still in evidence to-day between Conservative and Liberal members over the redistribution in Quebec and Saskatchewan. Despite this it is forecast that parliament will certainly prorogue to-morrow. The opposition members have registered their protests and now all that remains is the formal approval of the representation bill.