

and adventurous spirit to be able to develop in these circumstances which make it necessary—yes, important and valid—a method to continue the concept of the dual riding. This in many ways has contributed in no small measure to the uniqueness and the value of the representation of the province in parliament.

These are my comments with regard to the matter of redistribution, and I would hope they and other comments, which I am sure have been submitted by the people of P.E.I., will be taken into account by the commission when it makes its final analysis of the problem of redistribution in P.E.I.

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Queens): Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to present arguments along the lines of those presented by my two colleagues, not that I have less interest than they but that I have great confidence in and complete support for the arguments they have advanced. They are cogent, intelligent, reasonable and appropriately applied to the question. I therefore support them wholeheartedly. We have discussed this matter on more than one occasion. I am happy they have spoken so well, and I hope the commission will afford the proper attention which such good arguments deserve.

• (5:40 p.m.)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): Order. This terminates the consideration of Objection No. 5 in respect of Prince Edward Island province. The house having considered the objection, it will be my duty, pursuant to section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, to refer the report to the Boundaries Commission with a copy of objection, and also a copy of the debates of the house, for reconsideration thereof.

We now shall proceed with the considerations and objections concerning the province of Nova Scotia, Objection No. 15 found on page 26 of the pamphlet. On February 16 last a notice of objection in the form of a motion was filed with Mr. Speaker in the following terms:

Proposed Electoral Districts of Halifax, Halifax-East Hants and Dartmouth-Halifax East:

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 Nova Scotia, 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 constituencies of Halifax, Halifax-East Hants and Dartmouth-Halifax East.*

Redistribution

The petition is filed in order that the boundary lines of the three constituencies may conform more to recognized municipal divisions in the area concerned, for the following reasons:

(a) that Dartmouth-Halifax East be extended to the Guysborough County line because the residents of Halifax East, now left outside, by custom, tradition, economic and business interests, and transportation are part of the physical and demographic entity proposed to be established in Dartmouth-Halifax East.

(b) that the boundary in the city of Halifax between Halifax and Halifax-East Hants follow the boundaries of the present ward 7 to prevent political confusion.

(c) that if change (a) is agreed upon, that the area west of Bedford Basin proposed to be included in Dartmouth-Halifax-East be placed in Halifax-East Hants because by custom, tradition, economic and business interests and transportation, that area is part of the physical and demographic entity proposed to be established in Halifax-East Hants.

(d) that the boundaries of Halifax-East Hants run to the western boundary of Halifax County because the inhabitants along the eastern shore of St. Margaret's Bay have stronger commercial, political and business ties with the area immediately east than the area to their west.

(e) that Halifax-East Hants be named Uniacke for historical reasons, and to prevent confusion with the name of the riding of Halifax.

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Halifax): First of all, Mr. Speaker, before I proceed with my few remarks which I should like to make about the six changes which we in Halifax at least feel should be pursued with, perhaps I should read these into the record:

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(b) that the boundary in the city of Halifax between Halifax and Halifax-East Hants follow the boundaries of the present Ward 7 to prevent political confusion.

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(e) That Halifax-East Hants be named Uniacke for historical reasons—

Which I will touch on in a moment.

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