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population—it is an attractive subject and many years ago I made a speech on it myself, but I have changed my opinion since then—Canadian experience is not solely that of representation by population because, throughout our history, we have recognized area representation, and we are familiar now with the smaller representation of the Atlantic provinces, particularly Prince Edward Island.

We are also familiar with the small representation figure required for the Yukon and Mackenzie. We know, from our early history, that Manitoba and the Northwest Territories of that particular period had a number of seats in this house when their populations warranted perhaps only one. So, throughout our history we are familiar with representation which is not strictly related to population.

It seems to me that we are set with this pattern for Canada. No one has suggested changing the representation for Prince Edward Island, or wiping out the senatorial floor. No one has suggested changing the representation for the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, because we think it is advisable to have people representing the hinterland of our country. I think this aspect of Canadian history on redistribution should be uppermost in the minds of the commissioners when they undertake their work. If they approach this

with the knowledge we in the house have concerning these problems, then when they come to apply their plans for each province they will make allowance for area representation and will not attempt to follow strictly a representation by population rule.

At the same time our hope is that the great disparities will be discontinued, these tremendous disparities in our urban centres.

Some hon. Members: Ten o'clock.

Mr. Churchill: Oh, I thought the house would want me to go on; but it is now ten o'clock.

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Mr. Churchill: May we hear from the acting house leader as to the business for tomorrow and the balance of the week?

Mr. MacNaught: Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, we will continue with this debate, and when it is concluded we will take up the resolution preceding the Post Office Act amendments. Then we will go on the budget resolutions. On Monday there will be a motion to go into supply.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.