

Redistribution

Liberal members were involved. All the sitting members were agreed that there should be no change made in the southern part of Alberta. The editorial continues:

The new Bow River constituency will stretch from Drumheller to British Columbia. That makes it something of a geographical monstrosity.

In effect that is what I said. Anyone who looks at the map and sees that the constituency of Bow River goes from the British Columbia border to within 84 miles of the Saskatchewan border cannot help but realize that it is a monstrosity. How any fair-minded government could allow such a monstrosity to exist is beyond my apprehension.

Mr. Welbourn: How much of the west end of Bow River constituency is unsurveyed?

Mr. Johnston: I doubt if there is much that is unsurveyed. There is not a great deal of population west of lake Louise, but there is some at Field, which is getting pretty close to the boundary. There are families still living up in that area.

Mr. Welbourn: The hon. member has not answered my question.

Mr. Johnston: I have not the surveyor's map before me. If the hon. member had given me notice of his question or had even suggested it in the committee I would have been prepared to answer. Of course he never brought it up in the committee, and I do not suppose it ever crossed his mind on that occasion. I am sure there must have been many important things that never crossed his mind.

Mr. Welbourn: It was brought up in the committee.

Mr. Johnston: As the hon. member for Macleod says, the area is populated and those people are deserving of consideration and representation. I think this editorial in this Liberal paper was most fair in its criticism up to a certain point, and that is the point at which I take objection. I resent these words:

But the easternmost part of the city, which has been in Bow River, is rebel territory, populated by working people who feel they owe nothing to the old-line parties. Not since 1917 has the constituency gone to a Liberal or Conservative.

Just because people are intelligent enough to vote Social Credit does not mean they should be considered rebels. I think it is a credit to their intelligence that they have acted as they have; and that will be further demonstrated in the forthcoming election.

Mr. Welbourn: The hon. member can run there if he wants to.

Mr. Johnston: I am quite well aware of that fact. I may do that or I may not. It would not be for fear of not being elected. In order to give the committee an opportunity to once again express its fairness by way of correcting a grave error, I propose to move this amendment:

That the Alberta schedule as found on page 70 and following pages be amended as follows:

(a) Section 4, Bow River, to be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

At this point I want to say that all the amendment does is to reinstate the old boundaries of my constituency of Bow River. Then I propose to move that the old boundaries of Calgary East, Calgary West, Lethbridge, Macleod and Medicine Hat be reinstated. The effect will be to leave these constituencies exactly as they are. That will leave all the sitting members satisfied, it will leave all the people in southern Alberta satisfied, and it will correct a grave error. The amendment continues:

Bow River consisting of those portions of townships twenty-five (25) to twenty-seven (27) inclusive, in ranges fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) inclusive west of the fourth meridian, lying west of the left bank of Red Deer river; townships twenty-five (25) to twenty-nine (29) inclusive, in ranges eighteen (18) to twenty-nine (29) inclusive west of the fourth meridian; that portion of township thirty (30) in ranges twenty-one (21) to twenty-nine (29) inclusive west of the fourth meridian lying west of the left bank of Red Deer river; all townships twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) inclusive in range one (1) and all townships twenty-six (26) to thirty (30) inclusive in range two (2) west of the fifth meridian; those portions of townships twenty-one (21) to twenty-four (24) inclusive in ranges twenty-six (26) to twenty-nine (29) inclusive west of the fourth meridian lying north of Bow River and including such parts as are within the boundaries of the city of Calgary; all of sections twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26), thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36) in township twenty-three (23) range one (1) west of the fifth meridian, including such parts of these sections as are within the city of Calgary, and those portions of sections twelve (12), thirteen (13), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24) in the same townships which lie east of Bow river; together with that portion of the city of Calgary lying east of a line which may be described as follows: commencing at the intersection of Sixth street E., with the north boundary of township twenty-three (23); thence northerly along the said Sixth street E. to its intersection with Twenty-fifth avenue S.E.; thence westerly along Twenty-fifth ave. S.E. to the Elbow river; thence northerly along the Elbow river to its intersection with Seventeenth ave. S.E.; thence westerly along Seventeenth ave. S.E. to its intersection with Fourth street E.; thence northerly along Fourth street E., and across Langevin bridge to the Edmonton trail; thence northerly and following the Edmonton trail to its intersection with Eighth ave. N.E.; thence easterly along Eighth ave. N.E. to its intersection with Sixth street E., thence northerly along Sixth street E. to the northern boundary of the city of Calgary.

That is the one dealing with Bow River. When we come to Calgary and the others I shall move amendments there, but I think it