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Midland, three new industries will be established, one of them being the \$25 million plant—it may be worth more—of the R.C.A. Victor Company. The new industries will bring in a number of people. It has been suggested that the new industries would bring into the area between 3,000 and 5,000 additional people.

That means, Mr. Speaker, that with the natural increases, this riding alone would have a population of between 75,000 and 80,000 people at the next census. The area covers 1,600 square miles, with three centres of communal interest, the three centres having a mayor or a municipal council, service clubs, federal buildings, business centres, hospitals, newspaper and radio centres, bringing news of regional and communal interest.

Here, in one area, we have more communal interests than is the case in most urban ridings. Within the area we have great diversification of occupation. I think it is well to consider this. We are surrounded by water on three sides. The federal Department of Transport has officials, with their families, living in the area. We have post office officials, unemployment insurance officers in all centres, and in both ends of the riding we have half a dozen post offices, and smaller sub-post offices. In other words we have a sizeable number of civil servants and their families in this area alone.

Also, we have people engaged in the tourist industry, which is one of the big industries of this country, and we have the operators of tourist resorts, with all their problems. Also, we have all the way from vegetable to large dairy farmers, in addition to which we have highly industrialized areas in the Midland-Penetang area in the north and Orillia in the south. Besides this we have those in the business and professional community in all areas. As I have mentioned before, we are surrounded by water on three sides, and as a result we have sailors, those who operate boats in one form or another, and fishermen who fish both for pleasure and for profit.

This, I submit, indicates the diversity in the occupations of the people, and therefore the diversity of their needs. I hope, in having indicated this diversity in our peoples, that I have also indicated that as a result of this diversity the whole area requires more service from a member than would be the case in a great many other urban areas of Canada.

If the service by the member is to be provided to the community, it follows therefore that a member cannot serve all of a

given number of people equally, because due allowance must be made for regional diversity of occupation, and for the size of any group of people in any given area. If these facts are not considered, I submit that they ought to be. I humbly submit that Simcoe East is large enough, without making any changes whatsoever. If change is needed, and if more population is needed, then regionalism ought to be respected and the townships of Mara, Rama, Thorah, Beaverton, Carden and Dalton ought to be considered.

This is an area, Mr. Speaker, with a chamber of commerce in Orillia, the members of which go out into these areas. In the town of Orillia there are two hospitals, namely the Ontario Hospital and the Soldiers Memorial Hospital. The Orillia hospitals serve that entire area, the people who are sick coming to hospitals in Orillia from an area which stretches 25 miles to the south, to the east, and beyond.

I wish to say that if these townships are taken into the area, it would increase the population of the area by 5,000 to 6,000 people. Then, Mr. Speaker, it would be well up and over the 80,000 which is put as the average or the maximum for a rural area.

● (5:10 p.m.)

The city of Barrie and the township of Vespra would be very welcome additions, indeed, to this riding, and any member would be happy to represent this area. Most of the people in the area I know well. However, if this is done, 32,000 more people would be added to the constituency—28,000 in the case of Barrie and 4,000 in the case of Vespra.

Where are we going? Before very long there will be 100,000 people in this somewhat rural area. What will happen too when the census is taken in 1971? This area will have to be split up again. This means a lot of trouble; it means many break-ups. How can we expect the school children to know where they are or to get a member or the executive in a riding well acquainted with the area when so many changes are made? As I have indicated, this riding will probably contain more than 100,000 people by 1971, bearing in mind the rapid economic growth. I do not think it would be fair to Simcoe North or to Simcoe East to have to divide them again after putting them together.

If a precedent is needed we need only look at the riding of Algoma East, the Prime Minister's own riding. It is fairly close to and north of my constituency, in the Georgian