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- 3. The Commission failed to take into account, and erred in holding that it could not take into account, population trends as established since the census of 1961; such trends should have been taken into account by virtue of Section 13 (c) (i) of the Act, and would have resulted in sub-stantial variations from the boundaries laid down in the Commission's report.
- 4. The Commission failed to give due effect, and erred in not giving due effect, to special community or diversity of interests of the inhabitants of various regions of the province as set forth in Section 13 (c) (ii) of the said Act, with the result that areas with a community of interests with each other have been separated as a result of the Commission's report, and areas formerly included in constituencies or with areas with which they had a community of interests are included in constituencies or with areas with which they have no community of interest.
- 5. The Commission failed, in addition, to give or pay proper attention to the principle of practical feasibility of a representative keeping in physical contact with his constituents and the constituents' ability to make physical contacts with their representative, thereby rendering adequate representation of the people in Parliament a virtually impossible task.
- 6. Examples of the results of the foregoing and of the effects of the report to which particular objection is taken are the following:
 - (a) The exclusion of the Williams Lake and adjacent area from the interior riding of Kamloops, with which it has a complete community of interest, and its inclusion with a coastal area in a new riding, including the Queen Charlotte Islands, the inland and coastal areas of the new riding having virtually no interests in common, contrary to the expressed wish of the community of Williams Lake.
 - (b) The virtual merging of the former riding of Okanagan-Revelstoke with the former riding of Kootenay East, with the result that the communities of Vernon and of Fernie are included in one riding, creating an area not only without community of interest, but quite impossible physically to serve properly.
 - (c) The exclusion of the Merritt-Nicola area from the Kamloops riding, with which it has a historic and complete community of interests, contrary to the expressed wish of the community of Merritt.
 - (d) The exclusion of Quesnel from the former Cariboo riding and its severance from Prince George, with which it has a community of interests and commerce, and its inclusion with Kamloops, with which it has minimal interests and commerce in common, contrary to the expressed wish of the community of Quesnel.
 - (e) The exclusion of the Queen Charlotte Islands from the coastal riding of Skeena, with which they have a community of interests, and their inclusion in a new riding containing Williams Lake and a vast interior ranching and dry belt area, with which they have nothing in common.
 - (f) The creation of a situation whereby the Williams Lake area is excluded from the Kamloops-Cariboo riding, while Quesnel is added in on the north, although it is impossible for the member for the riding to get from the southern area of the constituency to Quesnel in any practical sense without going through about seventy miles of the Williams Lake area, in the new riding of Coast-Chilcotin.