

AUTONOMY, PROVINCIAL, IN THE NORTH-WEST—*Con.*

*Ames, H. B. (Montreal, St. Antoine)—Con.*

1899 on the representation of Toronto—7798. We have made our own calculations, and I think our schedule will stand the test—7799. Why should it take 9,000 people in the south against 5,400 in the north to have a representative?—7800. The opposition could not place confidence in the government figures—7801. Can see why it is deemed advisable for Oliver to attempt to defend this schedule—7802. Why require 3,616 more in the south than in the north?—7803. Thinks he has given reasons for the people of Alberta to be dissatisfied with this schedule—7804. Quotes Alberta papers—7805-6-7. Has done enough to show the spirit in which Alberta has received this schedule—7808. Why should this part be attached to Alberta and not to Saskatchewan?—7829. Did Oliver say the constituency of Sturgeon was two or three times the size of Medicine Hat?—7848.

We took those out name by name in the voters' list—7880. There are 400 names in the list—7881. Over what space of time has he computed the 1,243 entries in the Battleford district?—7882. He cannot say how many were made in the last two years—7883. I did not claim that there was anything crooked—7887.

I would follow the principle adopted in the Transvaal—7929. *Re Stoney Plain and High River*—7930.

Four constituencies considerably below the average—7951. We have no intention of depriving any portion of the new province of representation—7952. The entire population of Stoney Plain is found within 40 miles of Edmonton—7953. British fair-play would be a guarantee—7960. There are fifteen representatives in the local House who come from the present province of Alberta—7962. There is guilt on the part of the government in bringing in an unfair schedule—7963. How could we be particeps criminis?—7964. If Haultain had protested it would have made no difference—7965.

Oliver will find all the protest he wants—7993.

We have each made our independent calculations—8006. It was legitimate to divide the error between the two—8007. We have never urged that Athabaska should be unrepresented—8008. You can carve out one constituency in the southwest corner of Athabaska—8009. The principle we are fighting for is the establishment of a just number—8010.

*Armstrong, J. E. (Lambton E.)—5867.*

What does Oliver mean by English-speaking polls?—5867.

Is it possible to have a reprint of these Bills with the amendments as proposed by the government?—5986.

Did he understand that the constituencies were based on the number of votes polled?—7737.

*Barker, Sam. (Hamilton East)—5624.*

Can Fitzpatrick give in Assiniboia separately?—5624-25. Listens to both sides to

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form his own judgment—5625. Athabaska is as far from provincial status to-day as other districts were in 1875—5636. One province with control of its lands would solve the difficulty—5637. Are not the present territories represented here?—5647. Every reason why the people should be allowed to further develop their resources—5667.

Does Fitzpatrick provide any method of contesting the validity of any seat?—5751. We should not continue evils until a future date if we can prevent them now—5769. It is an evil which everybody who knows anything about elections must recognize—5770. It has been found necessary to curtail the authority of such officers—5771. Does Fitzpatrick propose to consider whether he can apply section 5 of the Dominion Elections Act to section 5 of the Franchise Act?—5779. Will Fitzpatrick consider making it apply when it does come into force?—5780. Perhaps Fitzpatrick will explain what these are—5782.

Would like the minister to explain—5932. As I understand clause 15 as now proposed, it could bring in by reference clause 11 of the Act of 1875—5933.

Everything is done to fit in alleged facts to certain intentions of the government—6006. The province could legislate and we could legislate. So that we could take care of the Dominion interest—6007. It seems to be our duty in constituting this new province to give the province full control over its lands—6008.

Belcourt made a mistake in saying that 'separate schools' meant only Catholic or Protestant separate schools—7173. The words have no meaning such as he says they have—7174.

His argument was the very opposite—7774. Is not Oliver overlooking the fact that he is providing for an election which must be in six months?—7777. Oliver said it was the Edmonton, not the Vermilion, mile—7782. It is a good sentence—7809. Has failed to see that any real explanation has been given—7953. There must have been an intention to accomplish some purpose—7954. Without the slightest excuse he is giving these 500 voters two seats—7955. That is because the government own the big territory—7956. What estimate did Oliver give of the present population of Athabaska?—7957. You are the only one who has argued on that—7964. He was not a member of this House—7976.

We are waiting for an answer from the premier—8050. Would he say there were no voters if there were no contest?—8052. There may be 50 per cent on the list that do not vote—8053. What percentage voted that were not on the lists?—8054. If Oliver does not know the facts, he should not attempt to draw up a schedule—8055. The government reports do not show anything of the kind—8064. Does Scott think the electorate of the province would give Athabaska those two seats—8075. I am talking of the distribution of seats—8076.