

Redistribution

Wellington contained in the townships of Puslinch, Eramosa, Guelph, Erin and Pilkington, including the village of Elora."

Mr. Hosking: Mr. Chairman, I have not taken up very much of the time of the committee, and I should now like to take a moment or two to discuss the riding of Wellington South. When redistribution occurs hon. members of the house face three principal results. The first, and possibly the most unpleasant, is to find that population has shifted from a riding so that it becomes necessary to eliminate it. The second is to have people added to your riding who may be of a different political faith. The third is to represent a riding where voters favourable to you are taken away. I sympathize with any hon. member who has had to face any of these rather unpleasant situations. I can say to them that members on this side of the house experience the same feelings when it happens to them. We can assess the results of these alterations just as clearly as members of the opposition, and with very much the same feelings. There is going to be a shift of between 8,000 and 10,000 people in the riding I represent. It is deemed necessary, and I really believe it is necessary, to give away the township of Pilkington, which includes the town of Fergus, in order to retain the rural riding of Wellington-Huron for the province. I am sorry to see my many friends from that historic township and the Scottish industrial centre of Fergus leaving the riding I represent. When I came to Wellington South in 1946 I did not know many of the people in the township of Pilkington or the village of Fergus. Since that time I have had the opportunity of serving them and by doing so many people have become friendly to me and I hope I have been friendly to them.

One cannot break such connections without regret whether you be a Liberal or a Conservative, and it is with regret that I view the loss of these people from Wellington South. A very large area is also being added to the riding. It includes the township of Erin, which is not nearly as densely populated. I am glad to say to these people that I shall be pleased to serve them just as well as it is humanly possible. Most of them will remember that they were in this riding at one time, and in returning to it I hope they will feel free to come and make their requests to me. If their requests are reasonable I will see that they are carried out.

Mr. Graydon: You are getting down to a good neighbourhood now.

Mr. Hosking: I am pleased to come near the county of Peel and the riding of my good friend.

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph as amended agreed to.

On paragraph 67—Wentworth.

Mr. Lennard: With respect to item 67, the riding of Wentworth, as we have reached this stage in our proceedings I wish to say that on behalf of the people of Wentworth I welcome back into the fold the people in the four townships of Beverly, Ancaster, Glanford and Binbrook. For the past several years these townships were not in my riding. As those members of the committee know who were here when the last redistribution bill was up for discussion, I objected to that very strenuously. Like the hon. member for Lincoln, I believe in maintaining county boundaries as far as possible; and I welcome these four townships back into the fold on behalf of the people of Wentworth. I am sure they are delighted to be back, and I am sure their friends and neighbours are delighted to have them.

In connection with that part of Wentworth riding which is now lost to us I merely say, as I said before on behalf of the people of Wentworth, that I regret losing many loyal supporters of our party and myself during the past few years who will now be in the new riding of Hamilton South and who were in that part of Wentworth riding which will now be in Hamilton West. They are a lot of good people.

Mr. Riley: Louder.

Mr. Lennard: Take the wool out of your ears and you will hear me all right.

Mr. Riley: What's that?

Mr. Lennard: That's you.

Mr. Riley: Take the potato out of your mouth.

Mr. Lennard: I repeat that I regret that these people have to leave us, but under the circumstances I realize that the best arrangement that could have been made in creating a new riding in the Hamilton area was made, and I am quite in agreement with it. However, I should like to say that I was not consulted too much with respect to these ridings. The new riding was practically carved out of my riding, and the plan was published in the *Hamilton Spectator* on May 14 last. I must say that I was not consulted in the matter. I see the hon. member for Ottawa West is anxious to rise. I agree that there was one alteration. There was a bit taken