

Redistribution

brought into the new riding the town of Paris, a beautiful town, and this too was a commendable decision.

• (7:50 p.m.)

This is the way it had been in the first proposed division. In their first proposed set-up of the new constituency the commission had put Paris in Wellington county to be represented in this house. It has been changed. This new change is far better for the people of Paris and far better for the people of South Dumfries. That was done because those people attended before the commission and were able to have the change made, so that they will come in the new riding of Brant where they should be and where they might be expected to be.

I am only going to say in review, Mr. Speaker, that I feel the commission should pay special attention to the four points I have mentioned. I believe on reconsideration and upon looking at the work the commission did in revamping the provincial boundaries, they will see that it is probably better to leave in the new riding of Brant those units which always have been around, and have revolved around, the centre of the city of Brantford over the years. If Ancaster township were taken off and Burford and Oakland put back on along with South Dumfries, as the commission has rightly done, I believe that would be a good constituency, together with Onondaga.

If it cannot be worked out in any other way by the commission and if Ancaster cannot be put any other place, I will be glad to accept it, but I do not want to see Burford and Oakland taken off. In the new proposed constituency I would have the largest constituency in the province of Ontario; I do not object to that. I would be sort of proud to think I represented so many people, provided I was elected.

I feel I have put on record my few objections and I would seriously like to have the commission consider them very carefully, in the hope that perhaps a better drafting can be made of a new constituency there—because there has to be one—we all know that. I should like to put on record one other little point. It has been suggested to me and also suggested unofficially recently to members of the commission that Ancaster township be split at the Shaver's side road, to which I have no objection, and that the village of

Ancaster and that part which lies immediately beside the city of Hamilton be incorporated into one of the ridings in Wentworth. Then the rest could quite readily be assimilated into Brant county. But that is a matter I would leave to the discretion of the commission in its wisdom.

I have given my opinion in respect of these proposed changes. I have been fair, I hope, and I wish to make one thing clear: there are no politics whatsoever involved in the remarks I have made. It does not make any difference to me. I am only too glad to represent that whole new area; but it is the people themselves who are dissatisfied, and I think their feelings should be brought forward. Personally it makes no difference to me. The Brantford *Expositor* had an editorial criticizing all the members who wanted these changes made and said that an independent commission had given its views, and that now they wanted to bring it back into politics. I do not want it brought back into politics. I want a fair, impartial finding made, and I believe the commission will do that, upon considering all the facts and circumstances.

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): Mr. Speaker, it is difficult for me to ascertain whether the applause is approbation for my standing to participate in the speeches or because my constituency is disappearing. Unlike the previous speaker, who says he does not mind the great area being added to his constituency, I am one of those who will have nothing left to represent as such.

Mr. Speaker, I think the way we are proceeding now is a wise one, provided the commissioners will pay attention to the words spoken by the members in this house. The reason I bring this forward is simply this, that I do not believe we can justifiably deal with the implications of redistribution without considering the political aspirations and the other points which have been raised in this regard. Therefore, as some hon. members have mentioned, to keep it on an independent basis and in the hands of an independent commission outside the House of Commons, I think it would be only fair that the representations being put forward here on behalf of the different constituencies and provinces be given some attention, so that in the final analysis all the words spoken here in this unusual type of debate would not be redundant.