

bounded on the north by the northern boundary of the said provisional district of Alberta, thence on the east by a line between ranges ten and eleven, west of the Fourth Initial Meridian in the Dominion lands system of survey, from said northern boundary of the provisional district of Alberta, to the line between townships sixty-five and sixty-six; thence westerly following the line between said townships sixty-five and sixty-six to the intersection of the line between twenty and twenty-first ranges, west of the Fourth Initial Meridian; thence southerly following the line between ranges twenty and twenty-one, west of the said Fourth Initial Meridian, to the point where the north branch of the Saskatchewan River crosses that line; thence in a south-westerly direction, following the course of said north branch of the Saskatchewan River to a point where it intersects the line between townships fifty-three and fifty-four; thence westerly following the line between townships fifty-three and fifty-four to the line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five, west of the Fourth Initial Meridian; thence southerly to the intersection of the line between townships fifty-two and fifty-three; thence westerly from said line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five, west of the Fourth Initial Meridian, to the Fifth Initial Meridian; thence northerly following the line of the Fifth Initial Meridian to the line between townships fifty-three and fifty-four; thence westerly from the said Fifth Initial Meridian following the line between townships fifty-three and fifty-four to the intersection of the line between ranges six and seven, west of the Fifth Initial Meridian; thence northerly from the latter point by the line between ranges six and seven, west of the Fifth Initial Meridian to the northern boundary of the provisional district of Saskatchewan—and such electoral district shall return one member.

"16. The electoral district of Edmonton shall consist of that portion of the provisional district of Alberta bounded on the north by the northern boundary of the said provisional district, and on the south by the twelfth correction line in the Dominion lands system of survey, excepting that portion of the said provisional district before described as the electoral district of St. Albert—and such electoral district of Edmonton shall return one member.

17. The electoral district of Batoche shall consist of that portion of the provisional district of Saskatchewan bounded on the west by the line between ranges eleven and twelve, west of the Third Initial Meridian in the Dominion lands system of survey, on the north by the northern boundary of the provisional district of Saskatchewan, on the south by the southern boundary of the same provisional district, and on the east by the Third Initial Meridian, from the northern boundary of the said provisional district of Saskatchewan to a southerly point where the southern branch of the Saskatchewan River crosses said Third Initial Meridian; thence after following eastwardly said south branch of Saskatchewan River, from the point of intersection of said southern branch of said Saskatchewan River, the line between ranges twenty-six and twenty-seven, west of the Second Initial Meridian, to the southern boundary of the said provisional district of Saskatchewan—and such electoral district shall return one member.

"18. The electoral district of Prince Albert shall consist of that portion of the provisional district of Saskatchewan bounded on the west by the eastern boundary of the electoral district of Batoche, on the north by the northern boundary of the provisional district of Saskatchewan, on the south by the line between townships forty-seven and forty-eight, from the eastern boundary of said electoral district of Batoche to the eastern boundary of the aforesaid provisional district of Saskatchewan, and on the east by the eastern boundary of the provisional district of

Saskatchewan—and such electoral district shall return two members.

"19. The electoral district of Kiniston shall consist of all that portion of the provisional district of Saskatchewan lying to east of the eastern boundary of the electoral district of Batoche, and bounded on the south by the southern boundary of the electoral district of Prince Albert before described, and such electoral district shall return one member."

Hon. gentlemen will find in the Statute-book that the electoral district of Edmonton has a right to elect two members. What I ask now is a division of that district into two, in such a way that it will, as much as possible, keep the people together. Such a division would afford representation for the Roman Catholics, French, Irish and Half-breeds, and elections would be conducted with more harmony. Then, in the division of Batoche the proposition is to take a part of the district and form another district, in such a way as to afford the same privileges. There would be only two divisions in it, and each division would have a chance of electing a member sympathising in religion and nationality with the majority of the electors. It would be satisfactory to have the divisions as I suggest them here, and I am sure it will not be necessary for me to go any further than to ask the leader of the House what the Government have decided to do for that portion of the country?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—My hon. friend spoke to me on the subject of this proposed change in the boundaries of some constituencies in the North-West, and more particularly as to the point in which he and his friends are particularly interested—that is, the division of Edmonton into two districts. At present Edmonton is a large district and sends two members, but the vote is taken indiscriminately for the two; and the proposal is to divide it, so that there should be two separate districts. That proposition appeared to me and to my colleagues to be reasonable; but it appears that the division which was made and which was in force was made after consultation with the members of the North-West Council, and very considerable discussion took place with them at the time the change was made. It was therefore thought expedient to have the matter referred to such public men in that neighborhood as could be reached by telegraph, and the Minister of the Interior was deputed to ascertain their views. He tele-