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to be the member for Quebec East than you would be to represent another riding.

I trust that the Electoral Boundaries Commission will not persist in its project to remove that historical name from the list of electoral constituencies in our province and I sincerely hope that you will succeed in your endeavour.

I know that you have the support of our friend hon. senator Dessureault, who helped me with such dedication in all my campaigns, as he had done for my immediate predecessor Mr. Lapointe.

Kindly accept, my dear Mr. Duquet, the assurance of my best wishes for your own career. I remain as always,

Yours very truly,

Louis St. Laurent.

I have, Mr. Speaker, another letter from Hon. Dessureault which I add to the file and which is written practically along the same lines.

I will therefore conclude my remarks, Mr. Speaker, with the argument that the illustrious men who presided over the destiny of Quebec East are men whose names we must remember. I think the removal of the name of Quebec East from the electoral map would be an insult to the memory of those illustrious men who, for more than 100 years, represented so well in this house the riding of Quebec East.

It will appear to some that I indulged in sentimentality, Mr. Speaker. It may have looked that way but duty overrides sentimentality. We must know how to go back to the spiritual values which can often inspire us. We must not forget our origins. We must keep and honour the memory of those who, before us, through their efforts and sacrifices, built the beautiful country in which we live.

Laurier, Lapointe, St. Laurent were among those and it is our duty, Mr. Speaker, as representatives of the people, as members of Parliament, to see to it that the memory of those dominating figures of our great Canada is kept alive. Failing to do that, would be to disregard history.

I conclude my remarks with the conviction that I have done my duty, that I have expressed the views of my constituents as well as those of all enlightened people in our country and in the province of Quebec.

In the province of Quebec in particular, taking the only stand I could to remain true to the spirit and the letter of our province's motto, which wants us to remain devoted to tradition and which, on behalf of all, I am happy to state in this house "I remember".

**Mr. Asselin:** Would the hon. member for Quebec East allow me to ask him a question?

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Since several parishes of the previous Quebec East constituency are to disappear to be included in the new constituency of Limoilou, as the commissioners want, and in view of the encomium bestowed on the Right Hon. Louis St. Laurent by the hon. member, if the commissioners refuse to keep the names of Quebec East and Limoilou, would it not be better to suggest to the hon. member that the name of the constituency of Limoilou be replaced by that of St. Laurent?

**Mr. Duquet:** Mr. Speaker, may I thank the hon. member for his suggestion. I believe it is excellent, and it could very well be submitted to the commission members; in fact, I would like to see it included in the report to be made to the commission after my speech.

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker, I should also like to direct a question to the hon. member.

Since there is already a constituency which bears the name of "St. Laurent" that of St. Lawrence-St. George, considering there is also a riding called Laurier, and in view of the fact that I have moved that the name of Lapointe be changed for that of Jonquière, would the hon. member be ready to accept the name of Lapointe instead of Limoilou for his constituency? That would maintain the name of Lapointe in Quebec East. Would the hon. member be ready to accept this suggestion rather than that of "St. Laurent" since a riding already bears that name?

**Mr. Duquet:** Mr. Speaker, in reply to the question asked by the hon. member for Lapointe, I believe that, following the speech I have just made, the letter from Mr. St. Laurent, I have put on the record, and with the plain common sense which they must necessarily show, the commissioners will understand that those names are related to the constituency of Quebec East and not to the ridings of Limoilou, "St. Laurent", or Lapointe.

Besides, I would be happy to rid the hon. member for Lapointe of the name of his constituency, but I would rather keep Quebec East, which is really an historical name, since I believe the Lapointe constituency will never become an historical name under the present member of the house.

● (4:00 p.m.)

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. Does this complete the consideration of Objection No. 1?