

*Redistribution Bill*

excess population to be found in the north among the three northern constituencies. It must be remembered that the number of members from Saskatchewan is not being changed. This would have avoided the disruption which has taken place and the, shall I say, acrimonious fight which has been going on during the time we have been attempting to put this through. I still feel that before forcing this bill through it would be possible for the government to keep the two Battlefords separate and not put them into one constituency. The Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) has stated that that would disrupt the present boundaries of Kindersley, but the hon. member for Acadia (Mr. Gardiner) has pointed out two or three ways in which this could be done. There is also the amendment now before the chair. The government could take territory out of the Battlefords and place it in Redberry and take territory out of Redberry and put it into the Battlefords. That would be a very simple matter in my opinion and I appeal to the Prime Minister and to the hon. member from Regina to give this their serious consideration.

Mr. TOTZKE: Mr. Chairman, before the schedule for Saskatchewan is disposed of there are a few remarks I should like to make with regard to a number of constituencies in that schedule. I do not intend to argue the matter of the alteration of boundaries because I was assured pretty definitely the other day by the right hon. the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) that no alterations would be made. But there are some questions I should like to ask and some information I would like to obtain from the government before this schedule is passed.

I should like the hon. member for Regina (Mr. Turnbull), who was on the subcommittee for Regina, or someone on the other side of the house to explain to this committee why it was found necessary to alter the southern boundary of the constituency of Qu'Appelle in the manner in which it has been altered and why it was considered necessary to select six sections in the constituency of Qu'Appelle along the Qu'Appelle river and put them in the constituency of Melville. I should like to know why it was considered necessary to take the suburbs of the city of Regina consisting of North Regina and the northern annex and put them into the rural constituency now known as Lake Centre. I should like to know also why it was considered necessary to take off the western row of townships in the constituency of Moose Jaw as it now exists and put them in the constituency of Swift Current. In spite of the additions which have been made to the constituency of Moose

[Mr. Vallance.]

Jaw its population is still below the unit while the population of Swift Current is above the unit. I should like to know why more of the rural portions around the city of Saskatoon have not been included in the constituency of Saskatoon City. Could the hon. member for Regina give me the population of the proposed new constituency of Rosthern?

Mr. TURNBULL: I can figure it out but it will be smaller than it should be because of the population taken away from it and put into Prince Albert. I have attempted to compensate for that to some extent by taking certain townships which were formerly in Humboldt and transferring them to Rosthern. We have endeavoured to make up the deficiency which was created at the last moment.

Mr. TOTZKE: I do not wish to make any particular objection to the constituency of Rosthern as it now stands. I think I have demonstrated pretty clearly throughout the course of this debate that I consider there was no necessity for making the alterations in constituencies which have been made. I do not propose to go over the whole ground again, but I do want to say a word about the northern constituencies and especially about the alterations which have been made in Prince Albert. I concur in what my leader has said, that the alterations have not been made in a fair way. As that constituency is now constituted it does not give a fair chance to my chief.

In connection with the Battlefords and Redberry, I think I made it clear the other day that there would be no difficulty in readjusting the populations in these two constituencies. They are side by side and it would simply be a matter of taking population from one constituency, adding it to the other and then taking from the other and adding it to the first. The situation has been explained very well indeed by the hon. members for North Battleford (Mr. McIntosh), South Battleford (Mr. Vallance) and Acadia (Mr. Gardiner). The hon. member for Acadia lived a good many years in that particular section of the province; he knows the constituencies and the interests of the people living in that district. The Prime Minister intimated the other day that if it was at all possible he was ready to make the desired change and put North Battleford back into Redberry and call the constituency North Battleford. As has been explained, there is a certain area lying south of the North Saskatchewan river which was formerly in the district of Rosetown and which has been added to the district of Redberry. This could