

county lines we mean municipal lines." He knows what we mean; we mean the lines of the constituency that elects the provincial representative, in order that the people who are voting together in provincial elections shall vote together in dominion elections. I am pointing out that by this redistribution he has made, the citizens of Clare will vote with their own county of Digby for provincial members but will vote with Shelburne-Yarmouth for the federal representative. That is the dismemberment which his leader was talking about the other day, which they desired to avoid.

With regard to the people of Kings-Hants-Digby, my hon. friend cannot say anything more complimentary or worthy of them than I can or anyone else who lives in Nova Scotia. They are admirable people in every respect, the very best citizens, none better in Nova Scotia. But my hon. friend surely does not suggest that the people of Digby Neck for instance are engaged in the same occupations as those in Hants-Kings—

Mr. SHORT: They are just as fine a class of people as any others anywhere.

Mr. RALSTON: Certainly they are, but my hon. friend was talking about them being engaged in the same industries as the people of Kings-Annapolis.

Mr. RHODES: No, I did not say that.

Mr. RALSTON: My hon. friend was making the argument for this particular division. We have been told by the leader of the government, that they can make any division they like, but they should not attempt to justify it on grounds inconsistent with the facts. I was taking the position, and I repeat it, that my hon. friend has carved up this constituency of Hants-Kings by taking off from Hants-Kings a considerable Liberal majority at one end and adding one and a half counties at the other with a Conservative majority. The country can come to any conclusion it likes with respect to the motives when the facts are known. My hon. friend has been particularly nimble in getting by altogether the suggestion I made, that you can do this without disturbing any county boundary. He knows the province of Nova Scotia as well as I do, and he is well aware that it can be done, making a constituency no larger than the constituency as proposed, and it would not break up the county of Digby at all. My hon. friend slides by that suggestion however and talks about five incorporated towns.

Mr. RHODES: Seven.

Mr. RALSTON: That has nothing to do with it.

Mr. SHORT: Seven.

Mr. RALSTON: Yes, there may be seven in the new one, but so far as that goes it does not make it necessarily urban. These are small towns which serve the surrounding country but they do not make it an urban constituency in the sense in which we generally understand that term. The situation, after what my hon. friend has said, is doubly clear. Hon. gentlemen opposite missed entirely the opportunities they had to deal with the situation in Nova Scotia without in any way interfering with county boundaries; but for some reason or other—let us leave the reasons to the judgment of the people—they have decided to make the redistribution in this way, thus dismembering the county of Digby, after all the protestations of the Prime Minister.

Perhaps I misunderstood my hon. friend's attitude; he spoke rather forcefully. I was surprised to hear him take what appeared to me to be a position rather hostile to my contention with regard to representation in the maritime provinces. The attitude which I understood the hon. gentleman to take was not perhaps the attitude he meant to imply; at least it should not be his attitude. The fact that he was the author of the minimum resolution with regard to the provision making our representation not less than the number of senators does not in my opinion count one way or the other with regard to the point I was making, namely, that the minimum was too small, and I should have hoped that he and other hon. members also would join with me in urging that when the British North America Act is to be amended some readjustment be made in this respect. I made my representations when the second reading of this bill was being considered. The committee on redistribution cannot change that situation; it must be done by means of an amendment to the British North America Act, so that all we can do now is to urge the matter in the house. I regret therefore that my hon. friend did not receive my suggestions in the spirit in which I hoped they would be received and in the spirit in which I hoped the committee would receive them. I believe that ten members for the province of Nova Scotia is too small. It is all very well to talk about quality, but Nova Scotia is entitled to a respectably large body of representatives in order that its voice may be heard and the views of the province be adequately put forward on the floor of this house, having regard to the