

THE GERRYMANDER

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South Ontario	22,018
North Ontario.. ..	17,391
Difference in population	4,627
North Perth.....	29,255
South Perth	20,620
Difference in population.. ..	8,633

NORTH AND SOUTH ESSEX.

The population of North Essex was 30,360, that of South Essex 27,975, leaving a difference of population of 2,400. In an attempt to defeat John Auld, M. P. P., the Liberal member for South Essex, notwithstanding the fact that North Essex had a population of 2,400 more than South Essex, the Premier had the hardihood to take the Township of North Tilbury, with a population of 2,192, from the south, which is the lesser, and add it to the north, which is the greater, making the disparity in population, 4,592. The only reason for this is, that North Tilbury gave at the last election a Liberal majority of 140, and Mr. Auld's majority in the whole riding was but 139; therefore by this change his majority is swept away from him.

THE MIDDLESEXES.

Absolute lack of any principle whatever except a bare-faced plundering of the ridings for party gain is clearly shown in the case of the County of Middlesex. This county was divided into three constituencies by the Fathers of Confederation and not a single acre in the County of Middlesex has since at any time been transferred or changed by any redistribution bill. Therefore, there was not the pretext for the lame excuse sometimes made by Mr. Whitney for interfering with the ridings, namely, that the Liberals had made certain changes there since Confederation; nor does the question of county boundary lines arise, because these three ridings are all of course within one county. The only other pretended principle that could be evoked to justify an interference with the ridings is then that of equalizing the population. But how as to this? Always taking the 1901 census as the basis of the figures quoted, we find the population as follows:

East Middlesex	20,228
West Middlesex	18,079
North Middlesex.. ..	16,419