

Mr. TAYLOR. But you corroborated the statement made by the member for North Norfolk that they were the corrected lists.

Mr. McMILLAN. I did not corroborate any such statement

Mr. CLANCY. The hon. member for South Huron (Mr. McMillan), this afternoon said with a good deal of energy that persons who would become 21 years of age within sixty days would be entitled to be placed on the list as voters in the provincial elections. The hon. gentleman was a little severe in his criticisms of the lawyers and told them that they knew no law, and he got up as a teacher and read the Act. Now, whatever confidence the hon. gentleman has in himself, the House will have some doubt of the hon. gentleman's infallibility upon law questions after I have read the section to which the hon. gentleman referred. I am quite confident the hon. gentleman did not grasp what the meaning of the section was. It says :

Any person who is rated, or entered, or entitled or liable to be rated or entered in the assessment roll, either as a farmer's son, or for real property or income of the amount requisite to entitle him to vote at municipal elections, and who will be of the age of twenty-one years within sixty days from the final revision and correction of the assessment roll, shall have the right to apply to the judge to have his name entered on the voters' list—

What voters' lists ?

—or upon the assessment roll and the voters' list, as entitled to vote at municipal elections.

The hon. gentleman was teaching law.

Mr. BENNETT. Fireside law.

Mr. MACDONALD. You have the fireside law.

Mr. CLANCY. I think I have heard my hon. friend from East Huron (Mr. Macdonald) ask if there has been any township divided by the local government in what is called the gerrymander of 1885. He asks what they were. I am going to give that hon. gentleman some information, too.

Mr. BENNETT. He knows it.

Mr. CLANCY. If the hon. gentleman knows it, I will not read it.

Mr. MACDONALD. If you intend to give the divisions of the county to which I belong, I may inform you that I know it already.

Mr. CLANCY. Perhaps the hon. gentleman protested against that part of it that affected his own division for the House of Commons. If he did, I have only to say that the world has lost something, for the hon. gentleman's protest has never been heard. For the provincial electoral division of South Huron which, I fancy, comprises part of the riding represented by the hon. member for South Huron (Mr. McMillan),

Hullett and Turnberry were cut in two, the other half being put in the riding of West Huron.

Mr. MACDONALD. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Clancy) knew the situation there he would say that it was properly done.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. MACDONALD. It is more easily to laugh than to speak common sense in connection with these matters. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Clancy) knew the different roads leading through that county he would know exactly why those divisions were made, and would not find fault but would know that what was done had been done in the interest of all parties concerned.

Mr. CLANCY. Perhaps I could give the hon. gentleman (Mr. Macdonald) some of the reasons for that. I can tell the hon. gentleman that in order to do that it was necessary to displace certain Conservative members and put in certain Liberals throughout the province. I do not apply it particularly to the hon. gentleman's county.

Mr. MACDONALD. Better confine your remarks to your own county.

Mr. CLANCY. It would be better to confine your remarks to one subject.

Mr. MACDONALD (Huron). I am in order. I want to answer the hon. gentleman in this way. He commenced to illustrate the iniquity of the Mowat Government by showing us how the county of Huron was gerrymandered, and the reason why it was gerrymandered. Now, I think that in order to be fair he should continue his illustration with the county of Huron till he gets through. And why? Because I am in a position to put him right if he goes wrong.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I fail to see the connection of the gerrymander in Ontario with the subject under discussion. I do not know who is responsible for first raising it, but I would remind members of the committee that we are now discussing section 3.

Mr. CLANCY. Let me give a few figures. West Huron possessed 22,900 voters before the reconstruction, and when it ended it had 2,605 more. East Huron had 26,248, and after it was re-arranged, the number was reduced to 22,758. What was the object? Why, to place the then hon. member for East Huron, Mr. Gibson, in a safe place for the next election.

Mr. MACDONALD (Huron). It made no difference at all in the representation, consequently I fail to see that it made any difference whatever after the so-called gerrymander was made. Therefore, it shows that these cases are not at all political in their nature. If he can show that there was any difference made in the representation of the riding after the so-called gerry-