

away from the jealousy between rival communities, such as Edmonton and South Edmonton. I happened to be in the legislature at the time we changed the name South Edmonton to Strathcona. An amendment was moved in a spirit of frivolity that we should call it Macaulay because the member for that constituency was named Macaulay, and that motion was defeated by only one vote. I remember the enjoyment, more or less irresponsible, that a lot of members at that time got out of that situation. If it will please the members from the constituencies concerned I am content that the seat to the north be called "North Battleford," and that the seat to the south be called "The Battlefords." I shall be glad to move that, if it is thought desirable by those living in the locality.

Mr. McINTOSH: I think that would be satisfactory.

Mr. VALLANCE: Does it seem reasonable to call one "The Battlefords" and the other "North Battleford?" Why use the plural?

Mr. BENNETT: Well, that is what I asked.

Mr. VALLANCE: Of course I can see the trouble that may result if we maintain the name of North Battleford for the northern district. I do not see how you can call it North Battleford if you do not put the city in it, unless you name the one constituency Battleford and the other North Battleford.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): There is an amendment before the committee moved by the hon. member for North Battleford, that townships 44 to 48 inclusive, range 16, west of the third meridian, be taken from the Battlefords as at present constituted and transferred to Redberry as at present constituted.

Mr. TOTZKE: If you would allow me, Mr. Chairman, there should be included also that portion of township 43 lying north of the North Saskatchewan river.

Amendment lost on division.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gobeil): There is another amendment moved by the hon. member for North Battleford.

Amendment lost on division.

Mr. McINTOSH: I would suggest to the Prime Minister the name North Battleford for the northern constituency, and Battlefords—not Battleford—for the new constituency. It seems to be the feeling that these names would be better.

Mr. BENNETT: I would therefore move, Mr. Chairman, that on page 54, constituency No. 12, the word "Redberry" be stricken out and the words "North Battleford" substituted therefor.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. BENNETT: Perhaps under the circumstances it will be preferable to have the word "Battlefords" remain, for the reason I have just given. There are two towns, North Battleford and Battleford, and it may be thought that we have named the constituency after the old town of Battleford, and that the newer town has not been considered. Perhaps if we adhere to the name of Battlefords it will serve the purpose better.

Amendment agreed to.

Schedule agreed to on division, as amended.

Section 3 agreed to on division.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. BENNETT moved the third reading of the bill.

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to say only a word at this stage of the proceedings. Once more I want to register my protest against this measure which smashes old traditional county lines in the province of Quebec and violently destroys the federation of the province. I denounce this manipulation of the electoral map of the province of Quebec. That is all I wish to say to-day, but I shall carry this battle throughout the length and breadth of my province.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, we are at the end of the session, the end of the week and the end of the day. If any discussion were to take place now it is obvious that hon. members would have to remain here until next week. In the circumstances the government having said it intends by its majority to carry the bill as it is, being desirous of accommodating everyone in so far as we are able, we have decided not to discuss this bill further on the third reading, though in order to make our position clear, we wish to vote against the third reading. In doing so may I say that we are very, very strongly opposed to this redistribution bill.