

Redistribution

My hon. friends opposite have assured me that if the commission will but do a proper job in this regard there will be no need for redistribution for two or three years, so the commission will have plenty of time to do a proper job.

I hope they will have the courage to take a second look at this matter and to consider anew the need for good representation; that they will review their findings in the light of representations here made and will come up with a better job, on second look. In that second look I trust they will bear in mind that the people of the west end of South Refrew from Eganville to Whitney should be placed in the constituency of North Renfrew.

If this is done, these people will be more adequately represented in this house and will feel they are members of a meaningful political system to a far greater degree than if this area is carved in half, as proposed, and they are put in what is to them an alien, foreign and unknown political home.

Mr. Robert Stanbury (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, I thank you and hon. members for the opportunity to speak very briefly in this debate. I shall speak only briefly because I welcome this report on behalf of the some 350,000 people of York-Scarborough and wish to do nothing to delay its implementation. My enthusiasm must be inhibited somewhat by the realization that the five parts into which this riding is to be divided will still be among the most populous ridings in Canada. This is so despite the fact that they constitute probably the fastest growing area in Canada.

Beyond this general observation there is one minor point with respect to boundaries which I feel should be recorded. The returning officer for York-Scarborough has recommended, I understand, that the lands between Brimley road and McCowan road and between highway 401 and Steeles avenue be included in the new riding of York-Scarborough rather than in the new riding of Scarborough East.

There are a few—I believe eight—existing houses on the east side of Brimley road between highway 401 and Sheppard avenue which are included, under the report, in the proposed new riding of Scarborough East. But these houses would be completely isolated from other residential areas of that new riding. They are separated from those areas by the CFTO television station on the east and the C.P.R. marshalling yards on the north. It would appear that the residents of

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these houses would have to go a considerable distance, probably in excess of a mile, to vote and the houses are really part of the community which extends west from Brimley Road as well as east, being part of an area whose residents have traditionally voted together at the local school which is on the east side of Brimley road.

The people on the east side of Brimley road are part of the community of Agincourt, which lies to the west of Brimley road in the new riding of York-Scarborough, and in no way are they connected geographically or socially with the other residential areas of the proposed riding of Scarborough East. I support the recommendation of the returning officer, which I understand is strongly supported by the commissioner of planning of the township of Scarborough, that the north-south boundary between York-Scarborough and Scarborough East be the centre line of McCowan road north of highway 401, as it is south of highway 401, at least up to Sheppard avenue but preferably to Steeles avenue, the northern limit of these ridings. Then it would cut through the centre of the railway marshalling yards, which would provide a natural division of residential areas between these two new ridings.

Mr. Jack Roxburgh (Norfolk): Mr. Speaker, I first want to thank you and hon. members of the house for allowing me to say a few words in this debate. They will be very few. I do not know whether it has anything to do with the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture, but two of the finest speeches this afternoon were made by the former minister of agriculture and the present Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Greene). I feel deeply that they have put forth some very sound, practical, and shall we say right down-to-earth thinking and facts. It is my earnest hope that the Boundaries Commission will give very, very serious consideration to all the suggestions put forward before they close the doors on this important matter.

Speaking for myself, I am quite pleased with the new constituency that has been formed. However, I am asking for a very minor change, but shall I say a very important change for the people of the historic constituency of Norfolk. The Boundaries Commission have named the new constituency Haldimand-Norfolk. I should like to draw to your attention, Mr. Speaker, that it so happens that the county of Haldimand is divided so that part of it is in another constituency. On the other hand, Norfolk has