

as is provided in this Act in relation to the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, or to the importation, manufacture, possession, barter, sale or disposal thereof, be passed, until the dissolution of the present Legislative Assembly has afforded the inhabitants of the Territories an opportunity to express their opinion as to the nature of the legislation on this subject which shall thereafter have effect."

The motion was agreed to, and the clause as amended was adopted.

HON. MR. GIRARD—I called attention yesterday to the electoral districts of the North-West, with the intention of endeavoring to have some amendments made to the divisions created by the statute of 1888. There is certainly an injustice somewhere. There is no representative for an important section of the people living in that country. Of the 22 members of the North-West Council there is not a representative of the French or Half-breed element. We think that there is an opportunity now presented to create a district which will return a representative of the French and Half-breed element. I consider it a simple matter of justice to that population and at the same time it would put an end to trouble and divisions which exist there. The English party who have control of public affairs must necessarily wish for some such modification. It would put an end to a great deal of uneasiness and anxiety, and complaints which we think do not receive justice.

The time has arrived when the Government should delay no longer in doing justice to the Half-breeds of the Territories. I have here a map showing the divisions which I propose and which, if not an improvement, will at all events make no great difference in the existing divisions. The only change that we ask for is in one place where two members are elected for one district. We want to have that district divided, the northern portion to be known hereafter as the St. Albert electoral district and the other to continue to be known as the Edmonton district. At the same time, I would ask as a favor to have a division made of the electoral district of Batoche, by adding two ranges to it, which would give the French and Half-breed population a chance to elect a representative of their own. I claim this as a right, and at the same time I would direct the attention of the House to the false position in which those people stand, a position which cannot be maintained, because there is unea-

siness and dissatisfaction, and where such feelings prevail there can be no progress. If the committee do not approve of everything that I propose in this amendment, they can at all events grant part of it, and it is better that justice should be rendered to these people here, where there is no bitter feeling, such as often exists in another place. Here we are calm, and always disposed to do justice to those who seek it. I move that the following be added to the Bill:—

"35. Sections, 15, 16, 18 and 19 of the schedule of the said amended Act are hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—"

"15. The electoral district of St. Albert shall consist of that portion of the provisional district of Alberta bounded on the north by the northern boundary of the said provisional district of Alberta, thence on the east by a line between ranges ten and eleven, west of the Fourth Initial Meridian, in the Dominion Lands system of survey, from said northern boundary of the provisional district of Alberta to the line between townships sixty-five and sixty-six; thence westerly, following the line between said townships sixty-five and sixty-six to the intersection of the line between twenty and twenty-first ranges, west of the Fourth Initial Meridian; thence southerly, following the line between ranges twenty and twenty-one, west of the said Fourth Initial Meridian to the point where the north branch of the Saskatchewan River crosses that line; thence in a south-westerly direction, following the course of the said north branch of the Saskatchewan River, to a point where it intersects the line between townships fifty-three and fifty-four; thence westerly following the line between townships fifty-three and fifty-four, to the line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five, west of the Fourth Initial Meridian; thence southerly, to the intersection of the line between townships fifty-two and fifty-three; thence westerly, from said line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five, west of the Fourth Initial Meridian, to the Fifth Initial Meridian; thence northerly, following the line of the Fifth Initial Meridian, to the line between townships fifty-three and fifty-four; thence westerly, from the said Fifth Initial Meridian following the line between townships fifty-three and fifty-four, to the intersection of the line between ranges six and seven, west of the Fifth Initial Meridian; thence northerly, from the latter point by the line between ranges six and seven, west of the Fifth Initial Meridian, to the northern boundary of the provisional district of Saskatchewan,—and such electoral district shall return one member."

"16. The electoral district of Edmonton shall consist of that portion of the provisional district of Alberta bounded on the north by the northern boundary of the said provisional district and on the south by the Twelfth Correction Line in the Dominion Lands system of survey, excepting that portion of the said provisional district before described as the electoral district of St. Alberta—and such electoral district of Edmonton shall return one member."

"17. The electoral district of Batoche shall consist of that portion of the provisional district of Saskatchewan bounded on the west by the line between ranges eleven and twelve, west of the Third Initial Meridian in the Dominion Lands system of survey, on the north by the northern boundary of the provisional district of Saskatchewan, on the south by the southern boundary of the same provisional district, and on the east by the Third Initial Meridian