

*Redistribution Bill*

have both usually been in our places when votes have been taken. Having regard to all the circumstances I think it would be better if the vote were taken over again as a means of ascertaining in a fair and equitable way just what is the position of the committee with respect to the matter.

Mr. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gagnon): I submit that once a vote has been taken it cannot be taken a second time.

Mr. RHODES: A motion to rescind would be in order. I therefore move that the vote just taken be rescinded.

Motion (Mr. Rhodes) agreed to.

Mr. SHORT: I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Quinn) that number 7 of the schedule for Nova Scotia be amended by eliminating the word "Evangeline" and substituting therefor the words "Digby-Annapolis-Kings."

Mr. RALSTON: I am sorry I was not in the house at the moment when the motion was put. I have not had any direct representations with regard to the wishes of the citizens in these counties but I have no doubt that the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis (Mr. Short) has taken steps to inform himself. As far as I am concerned I intend to favour the motion of my hon. friend to maintain the names of these counties in order that their identities may not be wiped out. While I am on my feet I might refer to another matter which will be reached in a moment. There is a proposal to change the name "Shelburne-Yarmouth" to "Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare." As the citizens of Clare are to be added to my constituency I thought I should ascertain their wishes in this regard. I find that their wish is that the name "Clare" should appear in the name of the constituency. Therefore, if my hon. friend will make the motion, I am glad to support it. There is a good deal of justifiable pride and sentiment about the retaining of these old names. I may say further that my thought is that one of these days some change may be made and it might be just as well to preserve the identity of the divisions in order to make that change with the least possible dislocation.

Mr. BENNETT: I may say that that is the sole reason that influenced me. All the constituencies with the exception of this one bear the old historic names of counties. It will be observed that the description of this constituency reads as follows:

[Mr. Bennett.]

Evangeline consisting of the counties of Kings and Annapolis and that part of the county of Digby exclusive of the municipality of Clare.

That is the reason why I supported the motion.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I am sorry if this change is to be made in Nova Scotia. I was pleased when I saw in the report that the fine name of "Evangeline" was to be given to a constituency in a province which has been made famous by its sons and daughters. I am sorry to have to oppose this change and I hope my hon. friend will not take it amiss when I do.

Amendment (Mr. Short) agreed to on division.

Mr. SHORT: I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Quinn) that number eleven of the Nova Scotia schedule be amended by adding the word "Clare" to the words "Shelburne-Yarmouth" making the name of the constituency read "Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare."

Mr. MERCIER (St. Henri): I do not know the first thing about the motion now before us. I wish the chairman would speak loud enough so that we could hear.

Mr. RHODES: The new constituency will be composed of the counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth and that part of the county of Digby contained in the municipality of Clare, and it will be called "Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare."

Amendment (Mr. Short) agreed to.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: Before the Nova Scotia schedule is carried, and without wanting to be at all parochial in this matter, I should like to find out from the members representing Nova Scotia whether or not the facts which I laid before this committee this afternoon are worthy of consideration.

Mr. RHEAUME: Sit down.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: Will you stand up, please?

Mr. RHEAUME: I can stand up better than you can.

Mr. MACDOUGALL: I wish to register a last objection as a Highland Scotchman. After all, we remember that in the days of our forefathers we fought to the last, and we will fight to the last until we drop the clay-