

Electoral Boundaries

face if this whole process is set aside by the courts. I suggested that it would be advisable to get this matter before the courts as soon as possible by way of a recommendation of a committee of the House, namely, the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

It appears that this course will not be followed, at least on the basis of my question of privilege. But, hopefully, there may be some other mechanism by which a reference to the courts can be accomplished. It is unacceptable to me, and I believe to all members of this parliament who think about it carefully, and to all Canadians, to allow a redistribution of this magnitude, which provides the basis of parliament itself, to go forward without knowing that it has a solid base in law and is not subject to being set aside. I hope we can get rid of that uncertainty at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, the objection which I filed set forth the areas which I respectfully suggest should be part of the proposed riding of Broadview-Greenwood. I also set forth recommendations for a revision. Therefore, I will follow the proposals and recommendations contained in the objection. In paragraph 2 I stated that the revision contained in the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario, 1973, gave a better and more accurate consideration of the geographical, historical, cultural and municipal aspects which constitute the riding. In other words, the boundaries were contained within the municipal boundaries of the city of Toronto with special attention to the northern boundary which existed from Broadview over to Woodbine Avenue, and they took into account the historical, social and community of interest aspects. That is why I did not object to the 1973 report. In fairness, the boundaries reminded me of a jig-saw puzzle. In 1976 an attempt was made to simplify the jig-saw. I said in paragraph (1) of my objection that in revising the boundaries of Broadview the commission did not give due consideration to the geographical, historical, cultural and municipal aspects which constitute the riding.

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I hope my remarks will be considered as constructive criticism. I appreciate the difficulties the commission has encountered in attempting to determine boundary ridings in Ontario. It is difficult to keep in mind at all times community of interest, municipal boundaries and population. I made three specific proposals. I say in paragraph (3) of my objection:

That part of the proposed Rosedale riding south of Queen Street and extending from Broadview Avenue east to Leslie Street forms an integral and composite part of the Broadview riding area immediately to the north of the above described area and extending from Queen Street to Gerrard Street and from Broadview to Greenwood Avenue. These combined geographical areas constitute a community of interests in geographical, cultural, social, religious and shopping interests.

Clearly, the area south of Queen Street, extending from Broadview Avenue over to Leslie Street, forms an integral and composite part of the area to the north, up to Gerrard Avenue and extending from Broadview over to Greenwood Avenue. The people of the area shop at a common shopping area within the confines of Queen Street, Gerrard, Broadview and Greenwood. They all use the same social and community centres; they all enjoy a similar community of interest; they all have access to the Jimmy Simpson, Wood-

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green and Pape recreational centres. There are five or six churches in the area, Woodgreen United, St. Stephen's, Queen Street Presbyterian, St. Joseph's, St. Anne's and St. Clement's. The children of the area attend the same schools. That is why one can say that the people of the area enjoy a community of interest in their shopping, social lives and churchgoing.

The Don River provides the line dividing the people of Broadview from people to the west. People living to the west of Broadview and Queen tend to form part of the Rosedale riding. That is why I object to the part south of Queen, from Broadview to Leslie, being included in Rosedale. Historically and traditionally, the people of Rosedale have had no community of interest with the people encompassed in the area bounded by Broadview and Leslie south of Queen. Therefore, the people of the area should have available the type of representation available to those who live immediately north of Queen Street.

The commissioners may argue that the part south of Queen Street forms part of the provincial riding of St. David's. In arguing this way, the commission is thinking of the area between Broadview and Logan Avenue. Well, I have heard many people objecting to that idea. They do not feel part of the provincial riding. It has been my experience that people living south of Queen, between Broadview east, over as far as Leslie, come to me with constituency problems. They do not feel they belong to the provincial riding of St. David's or to the federal riding of Rosedale. I say in paragraph (4) of my objection:

That a revision could be accomplished by making the proposed area of Rosedale described in paragraph (3) part of the riding of Broadview-Greenwood and by substituting the area commencing on the north side of Broadview and Mortimer Avenues and extending easterly on the north side of Mortimer Avenue to Pape Avenue and northerly on the west side of Pape Avenue to Millwood Road in the municipality of East York as part of the proposed riding of Rosedale.

This recommendation is almost the same as the commission's recommendation in their 1973 report and constitutes a geographical, cultural, municipal and community of interest area of the northeast part of the proposed riding of Rosedale. You can see what I have done. I have gone from the Don River to Pottery Road, gone up Pottery Road and used the Mortimer-Broadview site as the starting point for the revision. All the people of the proposed area enjoy a community of interest with the people in the Millwood-Southvale area. They shop at common shopping centres, frequent the same community centres, and so on. My next proposal concerns the Beaches area. I said in paragraph (5):

That part of the proposed riding of Beaches commencing at Jones Avenue and Queen Street and running north on the east side of Jones Avenue to Gerrard Street and extending east on the south side of Gerrard Street to Greenwood and extending south on the west side of Greenwood to Queen Street constitutes an integral and community of interest area within the general area extending from Greenwood and Gerrard Street on the east, to Broadview Avenue and Gerrard Street on the west and south from Gerrard Street to Lakeshore Boulevard East.

The area mentioned constitutes the south end of the riding. In other words, the people living in the area bounded by Gerrard Street on the north, Lake Shore Boulevard on the south, Broadview Avenue on the west and Greenwood Avenue on the east enjoy a community of interest, attend the same churches, schools, social centres and shopping areas. I said in paragraph (6):