

for the Liberals by a very narrow majority, but by throwing Albion and Bolton on to him, the riding is made Conservative by at least 150.

When these facts were driven home to Mr. Whitney on the floor of the House by Mr. MacKay, in order to attempt to justify the bare-faced and contemptible gerrymander, he deliberately made the false statement that Albion in years gone by had been "ravished" from Peel by the Liberals, and he was but removing the iniquities they had perpetrated. Mr. Bowman, who followed in the debate, read from the British North America Act of 1867, to show that the Township of Albion, which includes Bolton, was placed in Cardwell by the Fathers of Confederation and had never been removed therefrom during any redistribution, thus giving the lie direct to the Premier's excuse for this bare-faced outrage.

A glance at the map will show that the ridings of Brockville, with a population of 18,322, and Leeds, with a population of 19,254, were more compact and better shaped ridings than they are under the gerrymander, and there was no excuse for interfering with them on the ground of population, as to equality of population. Having failed to be fair as to the principle of county boundaries, Mr. Whitney's statement as to any attempt to equalize the population of the constituencies is simply ludicrous in face of the facts. We have seen that he tinkered for party gain and upon no principle with the ridings of Cardwell and Peel, Brockville and Leeds, although the difference in population in each case was less than a thousand. If, as he stated, the main basis of his action in the redistribution bill would be equalization of population, why did he make changes between ridings when the difference in population was less than 1,000 and leave the following ridings with the following differences in population absolutely untouched:

West Lambton	34,808
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Difference in population.....	12,338
West Kent.....	33,528
East Kent.....	23,232
Difference in population..	10,296
West Elgin.....	25,685
East Elgin.....	17,901
Difference in population....	7,784