

Redistribution

likely to result in plants being located here; others are more remote. Such was the report of industrial commissioner R. C. Taylor to members of Owen Sound civic development committee Tuesday evening.

We in Grey North concur in the riding as set up under provincial redistribution where some recognition was given to several significant features that have apparently been overlooked by the federal planners. I am reluctant to see any severance take place, but I do appreciate the fact that constituencies will necessarily have to be adjusted to bring some semblance of uniformity to the size of the ridings in respect of population. However, Mr. Speaker, there are other important factors which should not be overlooked.

In an area such as I represent, I feel a riding should be built around a traditional trading centre. A city or town, to enjoy this popularity, should be of easy access to the surrounding communities. It would have most of the services that attract people, such as good medical and dental facilities, adequate shopping centres, market accommodation, educational institutions, places of entertainment and culture. In fact, it would be a place where people have traditionally congregated for various reasons over the years.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I propose the peninsula area, with Owen Sound as the focal point of the new riding, the southern boundary to begin at Lake Huron on the west, follow the southern boundary of Saugeen, Elderslie, Sullivan, Holland, Euphrasia and Collingwood townships, and then north to Georgian Bay. The population of this compact area would be within a few hundreds in population of the ill-considered, incoherent proposition for the new riding of Grey-Simcoe.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to quote an excerpt from a radio broadcast editorial of June 21, 1965, emanating from the only station in our immediate area, CFOS:

● (7:30 p.m.)

The commission's report, made public earlier this week, recommends that parts of Grey county be associated with parts of Simcoe county to form a new federal electoral district to be called Grey-Simcoe. We also are aware that it will not be possible to make boundary decisions which will please everyone. But, at the same time, we suggest further consideration be given to the recommended arrangements for this part of the province. Although we have the highest regard for the people of Simcoe county, we think a combination of Grey and Bruce counties would make a more suitable community. A close association between the people of Grey and Bruce counties has been developed over a span of many years.

[Mr. Noble.]

We believe this association between the people of Grey and Bruce counties is an excellent foundation for the marriage of the two counties for the purposes of representation in both the federal and provincial governments. If a combination of the two counties is regarded by the commission as too large to be properly represented by one member, we suggest that the southern townships in Grey county could be associated with Wellington county and in the case of Bruce, the southern townships could be associated with Huron county.

Now, Mr. Speaker, it is abundantly clear to the interested people in our area that adjustments to the proposed plan will necessarily have to be made to save what now appears to be almost a ridiculous situation. Indeed, if the new federal lines are approved for Grey-Simcoe, it will be extremely awkward for any elected representative to serve adequately.

One can only trust that the wisdom which prevailed in the ultimate policies followed by Ontario officials in setting out the perimeter lines will to some extent, form the guide lines which federal authorities will use to establish the final pattern.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I intend to make a very brief contribution to the discussion about the general situation in Ontario. I only do so in fairness to the commission that did this work, and to what parliament has done in delegating this work to the commissioner.

It seemed to me that the hon. member for Carleton (Mr. Bell), after giving himself very good advice namely that it is not wise to insult the judge who is going to hear your case, proceeded in the next breath on a very vigorous, and I thought, sweeping attack upon the commissioner and the work of the commission.

I am not for a moment trying to suggest that individual members here may not have very strong and legitimate reasons for having objections to the proposals that were made. I can quite understand those strong feelings. However, I cannot quite reach the objectivity of the hon. member for Carleton, who said he did not look at these things at all from any sort of partisan point of view. I confess that I do tend to look at these things in the interest of my own situation, my own constituency, and so on. But I for one would not in the least want to hear it suggested that in eastern Ontario the suggested changes proposed by the hon. member for Carleton can be entirely in order, and that the commission would welcome the suggestions that he is making. I know in other parts there will be other, equally sound objections.