

Redistribution

I must say that I regret exceedingly seeing that name pass out of existence. It has had a long history in the area and a long history of distinguished representation. The one who represented it for the longest time within the memory of most of us in this house was Hon. Grote Stirling, who held it for this party until the by-election of 1947, occasioned by his resignation on account of ill health. It is a name which we regret to see passing out of existence, but it is a name which gradually, as a result of the successive redistributions, has come to be less and less meaningful as associated with the present area.

In the old days the riding embraced the whole of the southern interior, including what was then the central point of Yale, which is well down in the Fraser valley. Subsequent redistributions have moved the constituency easterly until now it has no relationship with the town of Yale so it was felt appropriate to abandon that name, though with regret, and use the name of Okanagan. The two ridings of Okanagan-Revelstoke and Okanagan Boundary represent, with the addition of Revelstoke, the old constituency of Yale.

I want to again echo what the chairman of our subcommittee said as to the propriety of adding the name of Revelstoke to the name of one of these new constituencies. It is a matter which I know will be agreeable to the residents of that district. On their behalf I want to thank both the present chairman and the former chairman of the subcommittee, who I know had the same idea.

The Deputy Chairman: Is the suggestion of the hon. member for New Westminster agreeable to the committee?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Deputy Chairman: Hon. members are familiar with the amendment? Shall the amendment carry?

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph as amended agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the amendment to paragraph 14, Okanagan-Revelstoke, carry?

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph 14 as amended agreed to.

Paragraph 15, Skeena, agreed to.

Paragraph 16, Vancouver-Burrard, agreed to.

Paragraph 17, Vancouver Centre, agreed to.

Paragraph 18, Vancouver East, agreed to.

Paragraph 19, Vancouver-Kingsway, agreed to.

Paragraph 20, Vancouver-Quadra, agreed to.

Paragraph 21, Vancouver South, agreed to.

Paragraph 22, Victoria, agreed to.

British Columbia schedule agreed to.

On the schedules—Saskatchewan.

Paragraph 1, Assiniboia, agreed to.

Paragraph 2, Humboldt-Melfort, agreed to.

Paragraph 3, Kindersley, agreed to.

Paragraph 4, Mackenzie, agreed to.

Paragraph 5, Meadow Lake, agreed to.

On paragraph 6—Melville.

Mr. Boucher: On Monday, Mr. Chairman, I gave notice that I would move the following amendment to No. 6:

That townships 22, 23, 24 and 25, together with that part of township 21 lying north of the Qu'Appelle river, all in range 18, west of the second meridian, be deleted from Moose Jaw-Lake Centre and added to Melville.

While I am on my feet, Mr. Chairman, I have two other amendments of which I gave notice on Monday.

The Deputy Chairman: Order. Do I understand those amendments deal with another riding?

Mr. Boucher: Yes.

The Deputy Chairman: Order. Hon. members have heard the amendment. Shall the amendment carry?

Amendment agreed to.

Paragraph as amended agreed to.

On paragraph 7—Moose Jaw-Lake Centre.

Mr. Boucher: With regard to item No. 7, I also gave notice on Monday that I would move the following amendment:

That townships 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, all in range 18, west of the second meridian, be deleted from Moose Jaw-Lake Centre and added to Yorkton.

On Monday, I gave notice of a motion concerning an amendment with respect to Moose Jaw-Lake Centre. On Tuesday I indicated that I had another amendment relating to the same area of that constituency, and that I would move it in substitution for the former. I now beg leave to move:

That the east half of townships 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, all in range 19, and that part of the east half of township 21, in range 19, lying south of the Qu'Appelle river, all west of the second meridian, be deleted from Moose Jaw-Lake Centre, and be included in the constituency of Qu'Appelle.

The Deputy Chairman: Does the first amendment carry?

Amendment agreed to.