

Redistribution

The hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) has dealt with this question and I believe the hon. member for Jasper-Edson (Mr. Horner) intends to speak on the subject. Therefore I need not dwell on the matter any longer except to say that I believe the creation of the constituencies of Rocky Mountain and Crowfoot would cause maladjustment of the territory. I do not know the exact population in the Brooks area which is to be taken away from the constituency of Medicine Hat. To enable this to be done, the constituency of Medicine Hat has been extended west to take up a great portion on the eastern side of the constituency of Lethbridge. This makes Medicine Hat a safe Social Credit constituency. Then, in order for the constituency of Lethbridge to have a population conforming with the requirement, the commissioners have moved it west by shaving off the bottom part of Macleod riding. None of this would have been necessary but for the creation of the monstrosity of Rocky Mountain constituency.

I should say a word or two about the riding of Macleod which I represent because it has been mentioned only briefly in passing. A slice has been taken off the west and south sides of the riding and it is estimated that about 60 per cent of the population included in the proposed riding of Crowfoot is from the Macleod riding. This is a rural constituency. There is a tolerance of 25 per cent with regard to population, and approximately 51,000 people live in the riding. All that is needed with regard to the constituency of Macleod is that 1,000, 2,000, 3,000 or 4,000 people be taken from the adjacent northern constituency of Bow River. The Blackfoot reserve north of the Bow River would be nearly sufficient. No other adjustment would be necessary for the constituency of Macleod.

In this regard, Mr. Speaker, and in fairness to the electoral boundaries readjustment commission, I have prepared a map which, with the consent of the house, I should like to have passed on to the Alberta commission.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): Has the hon. member the unanimous consent of the house to file with the Clerk the map to which he has just referred?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Kindt: There is certainly nothing contentious about the map which I wish to be passed on to the Alberta commission. In all fairness to the commission, we wish to be

[Mr. Kindt.]

helpful to them and make constructive suggestions. In my speech I have attempted to put forward suggestions that will prove helpful to them and I know all hon. members are trying to do the same. However, as everyone knows, one picture is worth a thousand words and in regard to the riding of Macleod I want to show where an area could be added. This question has been discussed many times. The area that could be added to the riding of Macleod would include the Gleichen Indian reserve and a few adjacent townships. I would ask that this map be passed on to the commission for their information. They would then have it at hand when this question is under consideration.

● (6:00 p.m.)

I understand that a map containing all the constituencies has or will be considered. I like simplifying matters. Slight adjustments could be made to the boundaries of the constituency of Macleod, and these I have indicated. I believe that the amount of adjustment necessary in the riding of Macleod is less than that required in the two constituencies I now propose to mention. The riding of Acadia needs a few more people, as does Vegreville. These are the only adjustments that need to be made except that one more member is to be included in the city of Edmonton and one more for Calgary. Anyone familiar with the figures could make these adjustments and the result would be constituency boundaries in Alberta that would fit the physical conditions as well as being very satisfactory, I should say, to the people who live there.

I do not want to take too long but before closing my remarks I should like to say that Macleod riding was named in honour of Colonel Macleod who was head of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. He gave the name of "Calgary" to the city of Calgary after his home on the Island of Mull off the west coast of Scotland. Why destroy something which honours a great and brave man whose helpful handling of the Indians brought peace and settlement to southern Alberta?

I attended the ceremonies installing the first president of Calgary University the other day and I was pleasantly surprised to learn that this university has taken a sentence in Gaelic and added it to the shield of the new Calgary University. This is a great honour to Colonel Macleod. You can see, Mr. Speaker, that it would be a shame to do away with the constituency of "Macleod" and substitute "Crowfoot". Crowfoot and Macleod were the