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greater clarity in all arrangements in the future, and I am sure the hon. member who now represents the constituency of Hamilton East would not object to the change.

Mr. Lennard: In that connection I might say that when Hamilton East was first named, Ottawa street was the eastern boundary of the city limits of Hamilton. The area lying beyond that was called Crown Point and was in the county of Wentworth. For many years the extension of the city of Hamilton was in the constituency of the county of Wentworth, and for some time since the naming of Hamilton East it has not been really the eastern part of Hamilton. I quite agree with the suggestion put forward by the hon. member for Hamilton West, and it would certainly be correctly named if it were called Hamilton Centre.

Mr. McIlraith: It is quite true, Mr. Chairman, that the hon. member for Hamilton West put forward this suggestion, so it is not one brought forward as a surprise now. I admit that there were some difficulties about the names in the areas, but I think for once we have found boundary lines which are reasonably agreeable to the opposition. I think they are reasonably agreeable; but the historic constituency of Hamilton East, the present constituency, is not being changed as to boundary lines except for one very small corner. I have taken up the question of the change of name, and it does not seem to be agreeable to those concerned in that constituency. They seem to feel that they would like to retain the name the constituency now bears. For those reasons I wonder whether the hon. member would agree not to press her suggestion any further.

Mrs. Fairclough: Of course I would not press a suggestion which affects another member's constituency, especially in his absence. But I should like to point out that if that is not agreeable to the hon. member for Hamilton East, then possibly consideration could be given to renaming what is now described as Hamilton South East, because I am sure there will be considerable confusion. If that name could stand over and be considered at another time with respect to bringing in another suggestion I think it would aid in clarifying the description of the constituencies.

I might say that at the time I spoke of this matter to the hon. member for Ottawa West, there was some further confusion as to the section of the constituency of Wentworth which has now been added to Hamilton West. So long as any confusion existed as to whether or not that section which is now added to Hamilton West

was to be added to Hamilton South East, it was impossible to select a name for the new constituency which would be properly descriptive of the boundaries of that riding. While I do not press my suggestion with regard to Hamilton East being renamed, I do suggest that item 21 should stand until such time as a suitable name might be suggested for it, to avoid confusion.

Mr. Lennard: I would repeat, the only sensible thing would be to rename what is now Hamilton East and call it Hamilton Centre. I have heard of stupid things being done; I have heard the word "stupid" used in this house. If that remains as it is I consider that it is a very stupid way of handling the proposition there in Hamilton.

Mr. Abbott: What's in a name?

The Chairman: Shall we carry paragraph 20?

Paragraph agreed to.

On paragraph 21—Hamilton South East.

Mrs. Fairclough: Will the committee consider the suggestion I have made, that the name of this constituency should stand in abeyance until we have had an opportunity to consider a suitable name to suggest?

Mr. Harris (Grey-Bruce): I think we could let this one stand because I do not think we will complete the Ontario schedule until after the dinner hour.

Mr. Lennard: May I say a word at this time?

The Chairman: We cannot have it both ways. If it is to be debated, let us debate it.

Mr. Lennard: No, I am not debating anything.

The Chairman: If the paragraph is to stand the hon. member will have to wait until it is brought back before the committee.

Paragraph 21 stands.

Paragraph 22, Hamilton West, agreed to.

On paragraph 23—Hastings-Frontenac.

Mr. Fleming: This is the item pertaining to the proposed new riding of Hastings-Frontenac, and it is in connection with this item that it was suggested that the amendment I proposed to introduce following item 14 might be deferred for consideration.

There is in this area the riding of Kingston City which has a population of 36,870; there is also the riding of Frontenac-Addington, a riding very large in area, with a population