

Assiniboia that the Northwest Territories have developed as they have. I think it was the great success achieved by the wheat-growers of Assiniboia which brought the Territories to public attention in the degree which has been done. I must confess that in suggesting the name Assiniboia I do not like to recall the abbreviation suggested by the remarks of my hon. friend from South York (Mr. W. F. Maclean). I think also that the name Saskatchewan contains some historic recollections in connection with a certain musket.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I can assure my hon. friend (Mr. Lake) that it was not with that view that I accepted the name of Saskatchewan. I have no objection to say that the name Saskatchewan has many recollections, that one included and if my hon. friend wishes to have it on that account I have no objection at all. I am sorry that the name Assiniboia disappears. If my hon. friend prefers Assiniboia to Saskatchewan I am willing to sacrifice Saskatchewan though it recalls something to me. But, with regard to Alberta, I would have preferred one of the old historical names. However, the name Alberta is so well known not only in this country, but even in Europe, that we thought we should have to retain it. If Assiniboia is preferred to Saskatchewan, I have no objection, but the majority seem to think that Saskatchewan is the name that should be used.

Amendment (Mr. W. F. Maclean) withdrawn.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. I desire to propose an amendment to this clause. I am sorry to have to trouble the House again to-day upon what an hon. gentleman from New Brunswick (Mr. Carvell) says is a very small question, but if settling the boundaries of a province for all time to come is a small question, it is a question which has created a great deal of interest in all the other provinces, and the people of the west will hardly relish the insinuation that this House should treat it as of little importance now. I presume that if we were discussing the length of lobsters, the hon. gentleman from New Brunswick (Mr. Carvell) would consider such a question as very important and would ventilate his eloquence upon it. Well, Sir, I have always been of the opinion that one province would be sufficient in the west, and whilst that question has been fully debated in the legislative assembly and was approved of by a vote of 25 to 10 at least, still it appears to-day that it is utterly impossible to have the government consider such a proposition, and I must content myself with renewing my objection to the proposed dividing line between the provinces. I may say that the proposed dividing line will leave a very, very small portion of the ranching country in the eastern province, as will appear by a glance at the

map published by the Department of the Interior. One objection is that the ranching industry which is one of the greatest industries in that country will have such a small representation in the local house that its needs will not receive the recognition to which it is entitled. Another objection is that the ranges will be split up, and another objection, which may appear of very small moment to hon. gentlemen from the east, is, that there will be a conflict in the branding laws. The only objection we have had urged against the removal of the boundary line further east is confined to two resolutions from two boards of trade, and one resolution from a Liberal association which has been presented to the House by the hon. member from West Assiniboia (Mr. Scott). One was a resolution from the Board of Trade of Moosejaw, a town which is over 200 miles from the line proposed. The other resolution was from the Maple Creek Board of Trade, approving of the action of the government as stated by the hon. member (Mr. Scott), but let me say that the information I have received was from the ranching country in the neighbourhood of Maple Creek is, that the Maple Creek Board of Trade has betrayed the best interests of the ranching country in passing such a resolution.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. What is the population of Maple Creek?

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. The hon. member for Western Assiniboia can say better than I can, but I should imagine that it is about 400 or 500. I say that the Maple Creek Board of Trade in passing a resolution on such a matter cannot be considered as expressing the opinion of the ranching district. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Scott) also told us that the Liberal Association of Maple Creek had passed a similar resolution. I have not the slightest doubt that this Liberal Association would be very anxious to move the line further west, and perhaps that is where the hon. member (Mr. Scott) got his idea. I have no doubt if he had his way the southern portion of Alberta would be gerrymandered clean into Montana. When the hon. gentleman says that he advocates the moving of the line further west and the taking of the old eastern boundary of Alberta as the boundary of the new provinces, I do not think that is the idea he always entertained. As we all know, the constituencies in that country were redistributed only a year ago, and then the hon. member (Mr. Scott) thought that at least 75 miles west of the present boundary of Alberta had a greater community of interest with the constituency of Calgary than it had with Western Assiniboia. It is quite apparent to any person who looks at the map that instead of having the old constituency of Alberta divided in four constituencies, that three of the constituencies in Alberta run further east into