

tion except on the basis I have made—a calculation based on the census, the voters' list and the votes cast in the last election.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. Did the hon. minister say there were ten townships added to Medicine Hat?

Mr. OLIVER. I have not one of the original maps. I may have been giving too much. The hon. gentleman himself probably has the area.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. If there are ten north and south, there are ten east and west—100 altogether.

Mr. OLIVER. As I say, I have not one of the old maps.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. I have one here.

Mr. OLIVER. The hon. gentleman, then, can give us the correct figures. We will accept them.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What kind of country is it?

Mr. OLIVER. Clear, open prairie; what we call a grazing country; rather inclined to be dry but with good grass and suitable for grazing; not such a country as to attract farming population up to the present time, partly on account of its dry character and partly on account of its distance from railway communication.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Is it a country that is to be irrigated?

Mr. OLIVER. It is not in the irrigation tract.

Section agreed to.

On schedule, section 2—electoral division of Cardston.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The area of this division, according to the statement I have, is 2,970 square miles. That is correct, so far as the minister knows?

Mr. OLIVER. Yes. There is no alteration in that from the old electoral district.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The government has no information as to the population of this constituency other than he has stated with regard to Medicine Hat?

Mr. OLIVER. Of course, there is information contained in the sheets which I gave with relation to the towns in the different districts, and there are towns in the district of Cardston.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. Does not this overlap Pincher Creek in the southwest corner?

Mr. OLIVER. It is an error if it does.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. For Cardston, the Belly River is made the boundary and for Pincher the range line between 27 and 28 is made the boundary. These overlap the southwest corner.

Mr. OLIVER. According to the map, the river and the range line are the same in that particular place.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. When a river is given as the boundary would it not be better to define the boundary as the centre of the stream?

Mr. OLIVER. Perhaps it would. I do not know exactly what the legal definition is.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. I am not speaking of the legal definition. But there are islands in these rivers, and when you merely give the river as the boundary you are apt to create confusion. The same is true of range lines or meridians—nothing said with regard to road allowance, so that you may have people on both sides of a road which is the boundary trying to vote in the same constituency.

Mr. OLIVER. I think that is provided for in the description of the surveys of Dominion lands—that when you speak of a line, you speak of the surveyed line, which is on a certain side of the road allowance in all cases. So, I think that is defined by the Act.

Section agreed to.

On schedule, section 3—electoral division of Lethbridge.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. It speaks here of 'the 14th township.' Should the word be 'township'? Or has something been omitted? Or does it mean that there is a range of townships all numbered fourteen?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. That is it.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The area of this constituency, according to the statement the minister has handed me is 4,860 square miles. That I presume we may accept as correct. I merely read these figures to place them on 'Hansard' and to afford opportunity for correction in case any error has been made.

Mr. OLIVER. All the computations have been very carefully made in the department. I cannot vouch for them myself personally, but I believe they are absolutely correct.

Mr. INGRAM. What is the area of No. 2?

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. 2,970 miles, according to the statement the hon. minister has handed in.

Section agreed to.

On schedule, section 4—electoral division of Macleod.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The area of this division is 3,063 miles according to the statement the hon. minister has handed in. That I assume we can accept as correct.

Mr. OLIVER. I would like to move that a change be made in the boundaries between Macleod and Pincher. I need not explain