

has doubled, I think it is only a fair suggestion that we must find a wealth of information in the census of 1901. We say moreover that we think this is something to go on, not the number of post offices, school districts and improvement districts.

That was the basis upon which the distribution in Alberta was made, according to the statement of the right hon. Prime Minister. I would like to read also a statement which was made in this respect by the hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver). He was more definite. He said:

The definite division of the constituencies is based on the vote actually polled on the 3rd November, as we believe that was the closest and most recent date upon which we could get information we could rely upon. The information with regard to post offices, homestead entries and other matters of that kind was arrived at in order to bear, not upon the question of division of constituencies, but on the question as to whether the bulk of the population was in one end of the country or the other. That information therefore would not have any direct bearing on the propriety of the actual division made, but would be merely corroborative evidence to show whether the trend of population was in this direction or that.

Later on the Minister of the Interior made another statement as to the basis upon which they proceeded. At page 8118 he is reported to have spoken as follows:

The basis of the division of the constituencies was necessarily, I said, the vote cast. That was not the question that he was arguing about

at all. That question has not yet arisen. I said that we took the actual vote cast, because it was the latest and most accurate information we could get for the purpose of drawing a dividing line between the constituencies. But that was not, if he followed my remarks of yesterday, the sole basis, from my point of view, of the general arrangement that was made. He speaks of my having introduced the question of the dividing line at township 38. I do not know whether it is to the purpose in this argument to shut our eyes and ears to what we have seen and heard ever since these Autonomy Bills came up for consideration; but I instanced the increase of population, the number of post offices, the number of statute labour districts, the number of school districts and other matters connected with the northern country, as evidence.

I would like to ask now how this basis of calculation applies to the distribution which we have before us. A number of figures have been brought down by the government showing the populations in the various proposed districts, the votes cast, the voters on the list, the area and so on. I would like to get this statement upon 'Hansard.' I have had an abstract made of the figures given by the government in a more concise form than their figures are given and I think it will be found correct. If hon. gentlemen on the other side of the House would kindly correct me if I misquote any of the figures I would be very much obliged. The following is the statement given by the government:

#### GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTION—PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Constituency.	Total Population.	Indians.	Votes Polled.	Names on List.	Area without Athabaska.
1 Souris .....	5,704	None.	2,544	3,348	3,190
2 Canington .....	3,485	173	1,684	2,432	2,575
3 Moosomin .....	5,163	None.	1,397	1,897	1,165
4 Whitewood .....	3,775	181	821	1,377	1,335
5 Grenfell .....	3,956	304	934	1,389	1,440
6 Wolseley .....	4,059	283	1,122	1,466	1,120
7 Saltcoats .....	11,004	633	1,478	2,327	3,225
8 Yorkton .....	5,116	8	1,144	1,674	3,195
9 South Qu'Appelle .....	5,530	638	1,930	2,692	3,820
10 North Qu'Appelle .....	3,157	701	927	1,398	3,245
11 South Regina .....	1,724	None.	1,282	1,694	4,285
12 Regina city .....	2,442	8	740	933	
13 Lumsden .....	3,096	None.	1,122	1,405	4,285
14 Moosejaw .....	4,025	91	1,172	1,578	12,425
15 Moosejaw city .....			786	1,037	
16 Maple Creek .....	1,841	48	846	1,196	20,669
17 Humbolt .....	582	311	178	298	7,657
18 Kinistino .....	4,288	1,839	1,029	1,775	25,652
19 Prince Albert .....	3,469	1,235	484	717	6,555
20 Prince Albert city .....	2,275	165	542	740	
21 Batoche .....	1,970	94	659	1,042	3,746
22 Saskatoon .....	3,008	50	1,017	2,314	5,998
23 Rosthern .....	4,899	159	808	1,381	1,010
24 Redberry .....	2,619	543	277	597	8,735
25 Battleford .....	4,275	2,220	725	1,499	22,877
	91,460	9,684	25,648		

Mr. LAKE.