

stories, but from the standpoint that this country is over-governed. As a representative from one of the older provinces, I think one province would be ample for the interest of that country for several years to come, and by having only one province we would be economizing in expenditure on government in the country. A good deal has been said by the Minister of the Interior about cutting Athabaska. In looking over the draft Bill submitted by Mr. Haultain, I see he entertains a different view from that of my hon. friend in respect to the district of Athabaska. He does not hold out such a golden view as my hon. friend has stated this evening, because I find attached to this Bill a memo. in the following language:

Memo.—In considering the question of the area to be included in this province—

When he says 'this province,' he means one province.

—it may be claimed that the area proposed is too large for one province. In this connection it should first be noted that the proposed area when compared with several of the other provinces of the Dominion stands as follows:

	Square miles.
Quebec..	347,000
Ontario..	220,000
British Columbia..	383,000
Proposed province..	404,000

From this comparison it will be noted that the proposed province contains an area considerably larger than that contained in either of the three other provinces mentioned, but it must be remembered that a large portion of the district of Athabaska and of the northern and eastern portion of Saskatchewan proposed to be included in the new province, will never, owing to situation or physical features, or both, contain anything more than a very small and scattered population.

Now that is an entirely different view from what the hon. Minister of the Interior stated:

The area which it is proposed to include in the new province is practically the area administered by the present territorial government, and the experience of the past few years has indicated that there is no difficulty in properly administering the area from one centre.

That being true I am bound to respect the views of the premier of the Northwest Territories who by reason of his premiership and by reason of his wise administration is in a better position to advise me, at all events, than the hon. gentlemen who have assisted in preparing these two Bills and the schedules to these two Bills. I, for my part, prefer to take this gentleman's statement and to support him in his opinion for the two reasons that I have already given. The hon. Minister of the Interior has said something about guerilla warfare. If ever there was guerilla warfare in preparing schedules and Bills we have it in the present instance. When my hon. friend from Halton (Mr. Henderson) talks about representing the Northwest Territories, I simply say, Sir, that

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we are here as machines to register the hole and corner arrangement made by the government and their supporters. That is what we are here for to-day, and it is simply a farce to proceed with this legislation because no amendment or suggestion that may be offered by a member of the opposition will be accepted. It is simply a farce that they should submit this legislation to this House at all with the view of considering it because members of the opposition or any suggestions which they may make, will receive very little attention. Then again, there is another feature in connection with it to which I desire to draw the attention of the committee. The hon. Minister of the Interior talks about Alberta and the schedules in regard to Alberta, and I wish to take this opportunity of stating that the northern part of Alberta is given a representation altogether out of proportion to the population inhabiting that portion of the proposed province.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Order.

Mr. INGRAM. I know the right hon. gentleman is quite right in his point of order, but I want to point this out in passing—

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. We will come to it later on.

Mr. INGRAM. I know we will come to it later on and we will have a good deal to say about it. The expression which was used on a former occasion will again apply, we will see the snow fly before we get away from here and it will be a foot deep, I will guarantee, because we will stay here rather than allow any such high handed legislation to pass as this which is now proposed. This is high handed legislation of the worst kind. Talk about the old days! We used to hear a great deal from our hon. friends in the country about star chamber business. The Liberal party have forgotten the principles of days gone by. They now adopt star chamber principles—principles that the people will condemn when they read over the legislation which is now before this committee. Outrageous is a mild term to apply to it. I think I might use language pretty nearly as strong as that which the hon. Minister of the Interior uses upon some occasions if I expressed myself freely as to what this legislation really means, and I am bound to say that before this session is over we will have some pretty strong language from the hon. Minister of the Interior before he gets this legislation through. Now that is all I propose to say.

Mr. OLIVER. Go on.

Mr. INGRAM. My hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) says 'go on.'

Mr. OLIVER. Sure.

Mr. INGRAM. It would not be a very difficult matter to go on for several hours on this line, and before this legislation is