

	Ten northern seats. (Not including Arthabaska.) Sq. miles.	Ten southern seats. Sq. miles.
Area	91,330	67,460
Census population in 1901..	50,818	38,369
Homestead entries since 1901	30,576	18,449

Of homestead entries since 1901 we have, roughly speaking, 30,000 in the north and 18,000 in the south. If that is a fair basis—and I submit it is a fair basis—then the fairest division of the five new seats we can make is to give to those ten northern seats, in which there is an increase of 30,000 homestead entries, three seats, and to the southern group, in which there is an increase of 18,000 homestead entries, two seats. This is still giving an advantage to the south. There cannot be any dispute as to these figures, because they are official, and there is a reason why the increased population should appear in the north. Those who are familiar with the country unhesitatingly say that the increase of population during the last three or four years has been largely in the north, and the reason, as was pointed out by the hon. member for West Assiniboia (Mr. Scott), is that in the north two lines of railway have practically been built—the main line of the Canadian Northern running right across the province, and the northern branch of the Canadian Northern from Erwood, which is now built up to within a few miles of Prince Albert. Then, too, the Grand Trunk Pacific line has been surveyed there, and every one knows that a great number of settlers have gone in along that survey and taken up homesteads. As a matter of fact, we know that the northern country has progressed much more rapidly than the south. We know that from the homestead entries, which demonstrate beyond question the fact that the settlement in the north is proceeding much more rapidly than in the south. Therefore, taking the homestead entries as a basis, 30,000 as against 18,000, it seems to me that no fairer distribution of the additional representation could be made than to give three to the north and two to the south. I have estimated the population upon these figures, and have taken the same basis as the hon. member for West Assiniboia (Mr. Scott); for each homestead entry I have allowed three persons, and I have added to that the census population of 1901. I find, according to that calculation, in the ten southern districts the present estimated population is 92,254, while in the ten northern districts the estimated population is 141,646. These figures not only justify the distribution of three new seats in the north as against two in the south, but taking into consideration its prospective increase of population, it certainly would justify four in the north and one in the south, as in the government's first schedule.

I shall compare a few of the figures that

have been given for the northern and the southern seats. I might point out that my hon. friend for Qu'Appelle (Mr. Lake) proposes to allow four of the new seats to the south, while to the ten northern seats he is only allowing one new seat. Comparing the figures for the two groups of districts, I find that he has retained unaltered according to his map, a certain number of seats in the south. I shall take the districts of Moosomin, Whitewood, Grenfell and Wolseley. He has pointed out that these are old districts, and he has objected very strongly to any lessening of their representation. These four seats have a census population of 16,051. Since 1901 there have been 3,480 homestead entries made in these four constituencies. Allowing to each of these homestead entries three persons, those four constituencies have at the present moment a population of 26,491, or an average for each seat of 6,622. Compare these with the four districts in the north which my hon. friend says are so much over-represented. Take Saskatoon, Battleford, Kinistino and Batoche according to Mr. Haultain's redistribution. These four districts have a census population of 14,123, but since 1901 there have been 15,386 homestead entries made within their limits. Comparing these with the four seats in the south, which have a census population of 16,051 as against a population of 14,123 for these four districts in the north, and we find that the four southern seats have only added to their population, in so far as homestead entries would indicate, the population represented by 3,480 entries, while in these four northern divisions in the same time there have been added the population represented by 15,386 homestead entries. Following the same principle of allowing three persons to each homestead entry, we have a present population in this northern district of 61,281 as against 26,491 in the south, or, while in these four districts in the south 6,222 people can elect a member, it requires 15,320 people in the north, and yet my hon. friend says that the north is being over-represented.

Now, I need not follow out these figures. My hon. friend from Qu'Appelle has submitted a map, and in so far as he lays out the same divisions as are laid out in the government schedule I think we may take it for granted that the government schedule is perfectly correct. I find that the hon. gentleman has made some criticism in regard to Redberry, but according to his own schedule he makes a district of Redberry, which corresponds fairly with the government one; Battleford is practically the same; Rosthern is made a little smaller; Saskatoon is made smaller; Prince Albert city is cut out altogether and Humboldt is cut out altogether and added to Batoche. I want to call the attention of the committee to the facts in regard to Humboldt. The hon. gentleman says that Humboldt should not have separate repre-