

portion of Athabaska is entitled to two representatives, as I did, I set to work to see how we would divide the remaining twenty-three constituencies in the rest of the country. Unfortunately we cannot ascertain the exact population of that country. We all believe, I know the hon. members on the other side, as well as on this believe in representation by population. Unfortunately we cannot get the exact population and there are no means by which we can get it. I contend that the nearest thing will be to take the vote that was actually polled in the late election in November and along with that any other evidence of settlement that we can find. That is what I did and I came to certain conclusions. I found south of Red Deer 10,556 votes and north of Red Deer 9,563 votes.

Now, there are five cities in the Northwest—Regina, Moosejaw, Prince Albert, Edmonton and Calgary. Some of these cities are slightly larger than others, but there is no great difference in their size. We believe that each of these cities should have a representative of its own. I have said there were 10,566 votes south of Red Deer. Take away the vote polled in the city of Calgary, which, I think, was 2,186. This leaves, for the rural part south of Red Deer, 8,380 votes. I have said that north of Red Deer there were 9,563 votes. Take out the vote polled in Edmonton—1,343, and we have 8,320 votes remaining. That will leave for the 10 rural constituencies south of Red Deer an average of 832 votes, and for the 10 rural constituencies north of Red Deer an average of 822 votes. I maintain that nobody could make a division fairer than that.

I wish to draw attention to the figures prepared by the hon. member for Calgary (Mr. M. S. McCarthy). I maintain that there is not a very great difference between his and ours. At the same time, I think I can show where he has made some slight mistakes. According to the hon. gentleman's calculation there were 10,833 votes cast in the south, and 9,394 cast in the north. Take from the vote cast in the south 2,180 for the city of Calgary, and you have a remainder of 8,653. Take from the votes cast in the north 1,343 votes cast in Edmonton and you have a remainder of 8,051. So, according to the hon. member's figures, there is an average for the ten rural constituencies of the south of 865, and in the rural ten constituencies in the north, of 805. Therefore there is only a difference of 60 or, for the 10 constituencies, 600—not enough for an additional representative.

Well, I must find fault with some of the figures prepared by my hon. friend (Mr. M. S. McCarthy). From him, I learn that a portion of my constituency, Strathcona, was deprived of some of the votes that should have been left with it. In the north-eastern part of my constituency is the town of Lloydminster. There was a polling subdivision there extending for six miles, or one

range of townships, west of the 4th initial meridian. That portion is thickly settled. The polling booth is practically on the 4th meridian line. The votes polled there number 170. By the hon. member's (Mr. M. S. McCarthy's) calculation, they were all handed over to the other side of the line, our constituency not getting the benefit of any of them.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. What proportion does the hon. member (Mr. Peter Talbot) put on either side of the meridian?

Mr. PETER TALBOT. I count half on the west and half on the east. But the hon. member (Mr. M. S. McCarthy) does not give us any of them. I know that was not done intentionally—I know the hon. member for Calgary too well for that. There is another calculation of his that is somewhat faulty.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. Would the hon. gentleman permit me to say that at Lloydminster poll, No. 23, there were 20 votes cast and 48 votes on the list.

Mr. PETER TALBOT. Oh, my!

Mr. AMES. I might state that we took these out, name by name, in the voters' list in the range and township in which they were described.

Mr. PETER TALBOT. The hon. gentleman has certainly taken the wrong polling subdivision. I have here a map of my whole constituency with the polling subdivision numbered. Lloydminster is poll No. 23. I got 97 votes, one of my opponents got 72, and another got 1, a total of 170 votes in that polling subdivision.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. The hon. gentleman will understand that the town of Lloydminster is east of the 4th meridian.

Mr. PETER TALBOT. But the polling booth is within one hundred yards or, at most 200 yards of the 4th meridian line.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Peter Talbot) will look at the map—

Mr. PETER TALBOT. But I have been there—I was out canvassing those people. Now the other error the hon. gentleman has made in the same way was in the local constituency of Red Deer, which he says contained only 608 votes. I have here the polling subdivisions throughout that constituency, and, according to my calculation there were 808 votes. If it is necessary, I will read over the polling subdivisions. But it should be remembered that it is somewhat difficult to get at the exact figures because the lines run through the polling subdivisions and we cannot tell how many votes belong to each side.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. If the hon. gentleman will read the polls, we will soon find out where we vary.

Mr. P. TALBOT.