

ber of other gentlemen in Olds advising me that the same petition has been sent to the minister.

Mr. OLIVER. From whom?

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. From the Liberal Association at Olds; possibly the minister has considered it.

Mr. OLIVER. I have a telegram here dated the 23rd, which asks that townships 30, 31 and 32 in ranges from 4 to 7 inclusive be taken from Banff and added to Rosebud, extending Rosebud westward four ranges by three townships in width.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I understand that the intention is to allow Gleichen, Rosebud, Banff and Innisfail to stand until my hon. friend from Calgary (Mr. M. S. McCarthy) can confer with the Minister of the Interior.

Schedule sections 6, 8, 10 and 11 allowed to stand.

On schedule, section 7—electoral division of Calgary city—agreed to.

On schedule, section 9—electoral division of High River.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Our hon. friends opposite have the information with regard to area, and I understand that we are without a copy of it; so that we have delivered ourselves entirely into the hands of the enemy this time. The census population of 1901 is 2,472, the number of votes polled in the last election was 1,021, and the number registered was 1,786.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. The area is 4,608 square miles.

Section agreed to.

On schedule, section 12—electoral division of Red Deer.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The area, according to the statement given to me by the Minister of the Interior, is 2,280 square miles.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The census population of 1901 is 2,009, the number of votes registered is 1,192, and the number recorded in the last election was 843.

Section agreed to.

On schedule, section 13—electoral division of Vermilion.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Why does the Minister of the Interior take this riding west of the line of the Beaver Hills lake?

Mr. OLIVER. The reason of the division being made where it is, is because of the great area of the Beaver Hills, which are largely unoccupied on account of being rough country, and on account of the settlements around Beaver Lake having been always separated from the settlements west of the Beaver Hills. They have different connec-

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tions, different communications, different mail facilities, and so forth, and have always been directly associated with the settlements lying in what is included in the district of Vermilion. The Beaver Lake, instead of being a division of interest, has been really a sort of centre of attraction, and the settlements around the lake are recognized as having a community of interest, and as being divided from the settlement of Strathcona immediately west of the Beaver Hills by the wide area and the impassable barrier of these hills.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. How wide is that area and what is the nature of the impassable barrier?

Mr. OLIVER. The Beaver Hills are a rough area extending from township 47 to township 55 from north to south and from range 18 to range 22 from east to west, that is to say, four townships in width by about nine townships in length. It is a rough and wooded country. Settlement has gone in on the outskirts of it, but it is only within recent years that there has been any traffic at all to Beaver Lake. Of recent years, owing to the exertions of the local members of Edmonton and Strathcona, they have been successful in getting a road directly across Beaver Hill to Beaver Lake, but that road is still in a pretty rough condition and passes through at least twelve miles of practically unsettled country, so that there is a very well defined division between the interests on the west side of the hill and on the east.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. The hon. minister has not elucidated it at all. These people do their trading altogether in Strathcona and Edmonton, except what they do at the little shops around the lake, and the natural association of these people would be with Strathcona.

Section agreed to.

On schedule, section 14—electoral division of Lacombe.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The area of this, according to the minister's statement, is 2,376 square miles.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The population, according to the last census, was 2,565. The number of votes registered, 1,174, and the votes recorded 881.

Section agreed to.

On schedule, section 15—electoral division of Ponoka.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The area, according to the minister's statement, is 2,772.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. The population, according to last census, is 2,775. The votes registered 1,229 and the votes recorded 764.

Mr. INGRAM. Would the hon. gentleman give us Vermilion, section 13?