

the Calgary land office there were 12,278 homestead entries, in Lethbridge, 7,895; in Red Deer—taking half—4,630, a total of 24,803 south of Red Deer.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. Did the hon. gentleman take anything out of the constituency of Edmonton by reason of part of it being east of the 4th meridian?

Mr. PETER TALBOT. I did not.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. The hon. gentleman knows that there are some there.

Mr. PETER TALBOT. I am not sure. I have a good map of my own constituency, but I did not bother with Edmonton. I did not count the spoiled and rejected ballots in the Edmonton district.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What has that to do with the homestead entries?

Mr. PETER TALBOT. It has to do with another question to which the hon. member for Calgary referred?

Mr. INGRAM. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Peter Talbot) has spoken of homestead entries. Will he state what percentage of entries there were north of township 38 and south of township 38 outside of the entries he claimed should be counted for Battleford?

Mr. PETER TALBOT. The whole of Battleford land district is north of township 38.

Mr. INGRAM. But the hon. gentleman must know, if he desires to be fair, that a very small portion of Battleford is in Alberta, the greater part being in Saskatchewan.

Mr. PETER TALBOT. The number I took for Battleford was one-quarter of the whole, or 1,243.

Mr. INGRAM. Did the hon. gentleman think that fair?

Mr. PETER TALBOT. Just about. The land there is being all taken up: Lloydminster is on the line, and the land office is at the very centre of settlement; and we know that about 6,000 entries have been made in that locality.

Mr. INGRAM. Here is a map which shows the state of affairs, and which hon. gentlemen can see plainly. Now, admitting the hon. gentleman's argument that the homestead entries made in Alberta north of township 38 should be included—and that is quite fair—still this map shows that there is a very small portion of that district in Alberta to which that argument could apply.

Mr. PETER TALBOT. None of the Battleford land district is south of township 38.

Mr. INGRAM. If this map furnished by the government is a correct record, then I

Mr. P. TALBOT.

will stake my word that the hon. gentleman is mistaken.

Mr. LAMONT. Will the hon. gentleman state that there is a single homestead entry in that portion of the Battleford district forming part of Strathcona electoral district south of township 38?

Mr. INGRAM. Does the hon. gentleman say there is not?

Mr. LAMONT. I am asking the hon. gentleman if he will say there is.

Mr. INGRAM. The hon. gentleman will not say there is a homestead entry even in Saskatchewan.

Mr. LAMONT. No, I cannot because even since last spring the settlers are pushing in there in great numbers.

Mr. INGRAM. According to this record there are homestead entries south of 38 on the Alberta side alone.

Mr. PETER TALBOT. Are they in the Battleford land district?

Mr. INGRAM. I will also make the statement that in the Battleford district there are if these buff figures are correct.

Mr. LAMONT. Are these homestead entries in the Strathcona electoral districts? There are such entries immediately south of Battleford.

Mr. INGRAM. The Strathcona district is away off here opposite Red Deer on the Alberta side.

Mr. LAMONT. The point my hon. friend is making, if he is making a point at all, is that in the figures given by the member for Strathcona wherein he is only allowing a certain number, 1,000 and some odd homestead entries for that portion of the Battleford land district lying west of the boundary line are unfair because some of these homesteads may be south of township 38 and should be counted in the south, but he will not say that as a matter of fact any do lie south of township 38.

Mr. INGRAM. I do not understand that Strathcona is the question at all. As far as I am giving the figures here Red Deer is opposite the place I am speaking of and below township 38 there are the buff coloured townships.

Mr. SCOTT. What land district are the buff coloured townships in?

Mr. INGRAM. In Battleford, that portion of Battleford that belongs to Alberta. The Minister of Justice read some figures to prove the population by the number of settlers. He said that from April 1, 1901, to July 1, 1901, there were 12,213, 1901-2, 44,020; and 1903-4, 73,957, making a total of 240,590 of population. Adding that all up with the population according to the census I understood the hon. gentleman to