

Federal Cabinet Wrestling With Redistribution Issue

By KEN KELLY
OTTAWA (CP)—The federal cabinet is wrestling with the problem of what kind of legislation to bring before parliament to redraw the boundaries of Canada's electoral districts.

Following completion of the next electoral office, was summoned before cabinet twice in the last two days.

Informants indicated that his presence means the cabinet has already taken steps to attempt to frame the precise terms of redistribution legislation and to bring it before parliament for presentation to Parliament.

The next stage may be to negotiate agreement among the political parties on an acceptable formula covering the basic points of redistribution.

There are three such points. One is the total number of Commons seats, now standing at 285. Another is the basic population unit—the number of persons which will comprise a constituency. The third is the tolerance or amount of deviation from the basic unit which will be allowed in reshaping constituency boundaries.

DISCUSS ENLARGEMENT
CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION has already taken place behind the scenes on enlarging the number of Commons seats. A number of figures have been suggested ranging from 288 up to 293.

However, reliable sources said there has been no decision on the total Commons seats, nor has there been a recommendation on this to Cabinet.

The proposal for a bigger House stems from a desire to soften or offset losses of seats which some provinces would suffer under current constitutional requirements.

Nova Scotia and Quebec stand to lose one seat each and Saskatchewan four using the present formula. Ontario would gain three and Alberta and British Columbia two each.

The government is committed to establishing an independent commission to do the actual map-drawing job.

At present the basic population unit is one MP per 71,000 population. But there are wide variations.

Mr. Castonguay visited Australia and New Zealand earlier this year at government request to examine their redistribution system employing an independent commission. He found tolerances of between five and 20 per cent permitted.

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EAST BALTIC

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bruce whose marriage took place recently in Souris left to take up residence in Pembroke, Ont.

Misses Edna MacGregor, East Baltic, Rowena Garrett, Charlottetown and Eibon Garrett, East Baltic spent a few days with the Junior Farmers tour in Maine.

Miss Margaret McKinnon, Alberta spent a couple of weeks with relatives in Little Harbour and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rose, East Baltic have as their guests, Mrs. Rose's cousins, Paul and Arthur Winterholder.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dennis and family of Charlottetown spent the weekend with Mrs. Dennis' mother, sister and brother in Kingsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gallant and family, Charlottetown spent the weekend with Mrs. Frank Paton, Souris.

Among those attending the Young Creamer wedding at the United Church Dundas, Saturday, Sept. 7 were Mr. George MacDonald and Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Peas Young, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph MacDonald, Kingsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Roddie Kidson, Major Young, Red Point, Miss Marion Kennedy, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel MacDonaid, Bothwell were recent hosts, mess visitors to Halifax.

John Gillis, East Point and Gus Bailey, Elmira visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston, Peaters Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young and three children Red Point spent a few days in Nova Scotia.

Miss Ann Rose returned to her home in East Baltic from a pleasant tour to London, Ont., Niagara Falls, Boston, Vermont, New York and New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Heath Ching and young son and Lorne MacNeill, Red Point spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown left on return to Newton, Mass., after spending their holidays at their summer home in Kingsboro.

Miss Helen La Pierre, Charlottetown spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Laperre, Blain Pond.

Arthur Keene and Michael MacDonald, East Baltic left by car to visit with relatives and friends in New York City.

Stacia MahPhoe, New York is visiting with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jarvis, Campbell Cove.

Miss Marilyn Dixon, BN Charlottetown, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dixon, Bothwell.

Harry Dixon, East Baltic has accepted the position of driving the school bus in that area. There are now three buses conveying pupils to the Souris Regional High School from this section.

Mrs. John MacMillan, Canaroy is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Miss Joyce Bruce, Bothwell, left recently to take up nursing in the P.I.J. Hospital, Charlottetown. Prior to her departure she was presented with a suitable gift from the choir members of the East Point Baptist Church in which she was a member. Miss Bruce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bruce, Bothwell.

Justin MacKinnon left on return to London, Ont., having spent a holiday in Little Harbour and vicinity.

Miss Ann Rose, East Baltic had as guests Marie McEwen and Marlene Miller of Halifax, for the weekend.

Lorne Johnston, North Bay, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Gae Johnston, Peaters Road.

ELMSDALE

Recipients at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McKenna include their son-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCloskey of Halifax and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shea of Toronto.

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Lesage Gives His Views On Separatism

OTTAWA (CP)—Premier Lesage of Quebec said here the answer to cries for Quebec separatism is more economic strength.

"As far as I'm concerned I think Quebec has too weak an economy to afford to separate and when we're strong enough we won't be interested any more," the premier said in a television interview.

He appeared on the Pierre Berton Show, carried on CFTO Toronto, CJOH Ottawa and CFCF Montreal. The program had to be given its French connotation — "Nation Canada" — "Nation Française," meaning all French-speaking people in Canada.

severn government, announced last spring for an increased share for Quebec of revenues from income, corporation and death taxes, the premier said Quebec needs more autonomy to develop along the characteristics of the majority of the provinces so that as a minority we can be a greater asset in Canada.

He said the federal government had "invaded the field of provincial jurisdiction for one reason or another and has taken the financial responsibility of each." If the federal government would not turn over more tax receipts to the provinces there would be a chance of double taxation in Quebec, he stated.

Mr. Berton spoke of use of the word "nation" to describe Quebec. Mr. Lesage said the word had to be given its French connotation — "Nation Canada" — "Nation Française," meaning all French-speaking people in Canada.

Moncton Man Killed In B.C.

SALMON ARM, B.C. (CP)—A 22-year-old man was crushed to death Sunday when he was killed in a car which rolled over him.

Dead is John Winston Steele, 22, of this Okanagan community. Steele is formerly of Moncton, N.B.

The car rolled over while turning from a highway east of here. Steele was thrown onto the road and the car rolled on top of him, ending on its wheels several feet away.

Driver Frederick Williston, 23, and Ivan Horman, 20, both of Salmon Arm, were treated in hospital and released.

ST. LOUIS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fletcher of Lawrence, Mass., are spending their vacation at the home of Mrs. Fletcher's mother, Mrs. Annie Bernard. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester MacAlpuff in English.

Miss Betty Perry employed in Charlottetown spent the weekend at her home here.

Robert Gaudet, St. Edwards is a patient in the Western Hospital, Alberton.

Blain McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCormick of St. Louis is a patient in the children's hospital in Halifax, N.S., where he will receive surgery.

Donald Peters, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peters is doing nicely in the Western Hospital.

URGES UNITY

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (Reuters)—Queen Juliana called for greater unity Tuesday among the six European Community market nations so they could co-operate more fully with the United States. The market must have a "unifying function and not a dividing one," she said in a speech opening Parliament.

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