

Dominion Government had done. At the item \$349,161.81 for hospitals and charities, Hon. W. J. Hanna explained that owing to the land on which the Children's Shelter in College street stood being required as part of the site for the General Hospital, it had been necessary to purchase new premises, at a cost of about \$9,000.

#### Prison Labor.

Mr. Preston (Brant) inquired whether the Government had come to any decision as to prison labor.

The Hon. W. J. Hanna said that the matter had not been formally passed upon by the Cabinet, but he thought he was not anticipating too freely when he said that the proposals of the Government would be submitted to the House in the form of a resolution, which substantially would embody the recommendations of the commission as to prison labor, both as to contracts at the Central Prison and the future policy of the Government.

Hon. R. Harcourt urged that the Government should increase the aid to hospitals by making grants of one-fifth of the cost in aid of the erection of those important institutions, and increase the per capita grant.

At the item \$40,000 for additions to the west wing of Osgoode Hall, Hon. Dr. Reaume stated that successive Chief Justices had made representations as to the necessity for the extension. The Attorney-General promised to give his attention to a proposal by the Hon. R. Harcourt that the grounds of Osgoode Hall should be thrown open to the public.

#### Roads and Drainage.

Mr. C. N. Smith expressed the opinion that the Government were not getting value for their money with regard to construction of roads in the north country. Mr. Smith thought the matter should be controlled by a commission.

In reply to Mr. Smith the Hon. Frank Cochrane said that the farmers were so anxious for roads that they willingly gave a considerable part of the labor. Hon. Dr. Reaume also stated that roads as feeders to the T. & N. O. Railway were contemplated, but their location had not been decided upon. Hon. A. G. MacKay urged that the Government should endeavor to formulate a general drainage scheme which would benefit the whole district of Rainy River.

#### The Horses Again.

In the Public Accounts Committee yesterday Mr. A. McCoig, M.P.P., asked for a return showing what horses had been transported to the International Horse Show held in London, England, last year. It also asked that the return shall contain the names of the owners of the animals, and all correspondence in connection with the matter.

## HOW RIDINGS ARE TO BE DIVIDED.

### Gerrymander Claimed in Huron and Middlesex.

### TORONTO'S EIGHT MEMBERS

### Conservative Township is Added to Peel.

### Further Details of Redistribution Bill

- Fifty-eight Constituencies in Ontario Are Unchanged—Opinions About Middlesex and Huron
- Proposal to Divide Ottawa—
- Membership of House Increased.

So far as it has been made public, the Whitney redistribution bill leaves 58 constituencies in the Province unchanged, while there are yet eleven ridings regarding which the ultimate intention of the Government is unknown. Another meeting of the spe-

cial committee of the Legislature dealing with the bill was held yesterday morning, when additional changes were outlined. The alterations in the counties of Huron and Middlesex Liberal members do not hesitate to characterize as "straight gerrymanders." In each of these counties the revision has made what are considered as two "safe" Conservative seats and one Liberal seat. Albion township, which has given Conservative majorities in the past, has been added onto Peel, which promises to make the task of gaining another Liberal victory there extremely difficult. As was anticipated, Toronto will be given four new members, each of the present ridings being represented by two members. No seats in the Province have been done away with, but with four new members from Toronto and four additional from New Ontario, the next Legislature will probably be composed of 106 members. It is hardly expected that any radical changes will be made in the eleven ridings yet to be heard from.

The meeting of the special committee yesterday was not altogether harmonious. The Premier's proposals came with considerable suddenness, and not having seen the general plans before, the Liberal members were not in a position to make any immediate objection. Notwithstanding his promise to allow the Opposition members to fix the date of the next meeting of the committee, Mr. Whitney stated Friday would be the day.

#### Constituencies Unchanged.

The list of constituencies, as handed out yesterday, the boundaries of which will be unchanged, is as follows:—South, Centre and North Bruce, East and West Elgin, Haldimand, East and West Kent, East and West Lambton, Lincoln, Monck, North and South Perth, East, Centre and West Simcoe, East, West, North and South Toronto, South, East and West Wellington, and Welland.

The constituencies which were previously announced as unchanged are:—Dundas, Glengarry, Halton, Prescott, Prince Edward, Stormont, Dufferin, Grenville, Muskoka, Parry Sound, London, East and West Durham, Frontenac, Lennox, Kingston, East and West Hamilton, North and South Norfolk, North and South Oxford, North and South Renfrew, East and West Victoria, North and South Waterloo, North and South Wentworth, and Addington.

This makes a total of 58 constituencies which so far have been untouched, and which have passed the committee, though the Liberal members of that committee have still reserved the right to object if necessary.

#### Toronto to Have Eight.

The four Toronto constituencies will be represented by eight members, as originally intended.

Some of the changes outlined by Premier Whitney were:—

County of Brant—The only change is the transfer of Burford township from South to North Brant.

County of Hastings—The only change is that the township of Huntingdon is taken from North Hastings and added to the East Riding.

County Huron—Electoral divisions changes from East, South and West to North, Central and South.

County Middlesex—The change made is the transfer of Metcalfe and Strathroy from West Middlesex to the North Riding, and the township of Lobo from the North to the West Riding.

County of Northumberland—East Northumberland remains as it is, but West Northumberland takes in South Monahan.

West Peterboro' loses Monahan and East Peterboro' takes in the village of Lakefield from North Peterboro'.

County York—The only change is that the whole of the village of Stouffville is put into East York, as well North Toronto.

Brockville will consist of the town of Brockville, the townships of Elizabethtown, Kitley, South Elmsley, the township called the Rear of Yonge and Escott, and the village of Athens.

Peel will consist of the townships of Albion, Caledon, Chinguacousy, Toronto and the Gore of Toronto, the town of Brampton and the village of Streetsville. This leaves the present constituency of Cardwell as it is, without Albion township.

#### Had a Warm Controversy.

Mr. Clarke (Northumberland) and the Premier had a rather spirited controversy. Mr. Clarke wanted time

for consideration, saying that the Government had had the scheme before them for three months.

Mr. Whitney stated that the Opposition members had always had just as much right to make proposals as the Government.

"The whole trouble is you are looking at the matter in the wrong way. You are riding the horse and looking at the tail," said Mr. Whitney.

"I am looking at you, then," replied Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Whitney further intimated that the Opposition had a perfect right to bring deputations to the Government regarding changes. Then he proposed Friday as the next date of meeting.

Mr. Clarke reminded the committee that it had been left to the Opposition to set the next date, but the reminder did not work, and the Premier had his way.

#### Regarding Ottawa.

There are eleven ridings regarding which the full intention of the Government has not been divulged. These are: Carleton, North and South Essex, North, Centre and South Grey, North and South Lanark, two in Ottawa, and Russell. There is not likely to be any change in Russell or Carleton.

The Premier stated that it was proposed to divide Ottawa, practically making the Rideau Canal the dividing line. At the meeting of the committee Mr. May (Ottawa) pointed out that the ridings in Toronto were not being divided for every member. In Toronto each riding, which was to have two members, would have 80,000 people, while in Ottawa, with a total population of about 80,000, there was to be a division.

"If the Government propose to divide Ottawa in that way," Mr. May said to The Globe last night, "it will be unfair. The proposed dividing line, the Rideau Canal, would leave perhaps 35,000 people on the west side and about 45,000 on the east side of the canal. Bank street would make a more proper division if the city is to be divided at all. Where is the fairness in dividing Ottawa and not dividing each riding in Toronto?"

#### Gerrymander in Huron.

The division of Huron, which is characterized as nothing less than a gerrymander, is as follows:—

South Huron—Townships of Hay, Stephen, Osborne, Stanley, and Goderich, and the villages of Exeter, Hensall, and Bayfield.

East Huron—Townships of Grey, McKillop, Tuckersmith, Hulett, Colborne, the towns of Goderich, Seaforth and Clinton, and the village of Brussels.

West Huron—Townships of Howick, Morris, Turnberry, East Wawanosh, West Wawanosh, Ashfield, the town of Wingham, and the villages of Blyth and Wroxeter.

#### Mr. Hislop's Opinion.

"It is a gerrymander pure and simple," said Mr. A. Hislop (East Huron) last night with reference to his county. "Geographically, such a redistribution cannot be defended; The only excuse for such a mutilation is political expediency. The way in which it has been cut down was foreshadowed by local Conservatives some months ago. For instance, Mr. W. H. Kerr of Brussels, who was nominated for the East riding by the Liberals, and Mr. W. Proudfoot, K.C., the Liberal nominee in the West, have now been thrown into one constituency. That, too, was rumored in party circles some time ago, and what the Conservative party managers boasted of has come true. What is the use of Mr. Whitney talking of making an impartial redistribution, when the whole thing was apparently cut-and-dried by the local managers? In the ridings as they stand at present both parties have a fighting chance, while as it is proposed to divide them the Conservatives have what they consider two safe seats and one Liberal hive. Huron is to all intents and purposes divided as it was in 1872 by the late Sir John A. Macdonald, when it was described by the late Joseph Rymal as 'bearing no resemblance to anything in heaven above or the earth beneath.' In the classic words of Premier Whitney, Centre Huron as proposed will be a 'scarified reminiscence of what a decent riding ought to be.'"

#### Situation in Peel.

In accordance with Premier Whitney's declaration that county boundaries would, so far as possible, be adhered to, the township of Albion has been taken from Cardwell and added to Peel. At present Peel is represented by John Smith (Liberal), and he had a majority last election of 32, but Albion gave a Conservative majority last election of 135. From these figures it may be seen that the Liberals may have an uphill fight in Peel at the next