

contest. In the Dominion census of 1901 Cardwell had a population of over 18,000, but with Albion out this population is about 14,500. Without Albion Peel had a population of about 18,000, and now the riding will have a population of over 20,000.

Worse Than Huron.

While the changes in Middlesex do not appear to be very extensive in the summary as presented by the Premier, they are in reality of great importance.

"West Middlesex, in the language of the politician, would be classed as a Grit hive, while the two other ridings in the county appear safely Conservative," remarked one member last night after a brief study of the figures of preceding elections.

"So far as previous returns tell anything, Middlesex is gerrymandered worse than Huron," remarked another member of the Opposition.
