

Province Split Into 90 Ridings, 22 Seats Fewer

Redistribution Report Tabled
by Legislature Com-
mittee

19 TORIES AFFECTED

Two Progressives and One
Liberal Must Seek New
Constituencies

There will be ninety Provincial ridings represented in the Ontario Legislature after next election, if the unanimous report of the special Committee on Redistribution is approved by the House. The report was tabled early this (Wednesday) morning by Hon. William Finlayson, Chairman of the committee. If the adopted plans carry the House—and it is considered most likely that they will—twenty-two of the present members will not be back unless they can obtain nomination elsewhere in their shuffled ridings. Of the twenty-two to go, nineteen are Conservatives, two are Progressives and one is a Liberal.

The Progressive members affected are D. M. Ross (North Oxford) and T. K. Slack (Dufferin), while the lone Liberal to lose his seat is W. J. MacKay (Bruce South). North Oxford passes out of existence, as the present North and South ridings become one, with the exception of Blenheim Township, which goes into Brant County.

Dufferin passes, with part of it going to Southwest Simcoe and the rest into North Wellington. Part of South Bruce goes into North Huron, and the remainder into North Bruce.

Cities Affected.

In the cities, Toronto loses two seats, Greenwood and Brockton; London one, Hamilton one, Ottawa one, and Peterboro' City is joined with Peterboro' County in one riding to be known as Peterboro'.

Of interest to the riding which may be represented by Liberal Leader Hepburn is the proposal to take two townships out of West Elgin and place them in East Kent. The townships are Aldborough and Dunwich. The balance of West Elgin and East Elgin will now make one riding. In Brant County, represented by Progressive Leader Nixon, Windham and Townsend Townships of Norfolk County are added, in addition to Blenheim Township, as aforementioned as coming from Oxford. Oakland Township, from Brantford City riding, also goes into Brant County.

The remaining part of Norfolk County is joined in a riding to be known as Haldimand-Norfolk.

With the passing of Dufferin County, Mulmur and Mono Townships, including Orangeville, go into Southwest Simcoe, while Melancthon, Amaranth, East Luther, Garafraxa Townships go to Wellington North. Centre Simcoe takes in the Gwillimbury Township of Southwest Simcoe. Peel and Halton Counties remain unchanged, while the four York seats will still be represented, with present boundaries slightly changed.

The Eastern Line-up.

The historic County of Glengarry remains, with the addition of the section of Prescott south of the Canadian National Railways line. Prescott takes in a portion of Russell, but Russell takes in a part of Ottawa, with Ottawa losing its one seat. Lanark South and North will be joined together and known as Lanark. South Renfrew and North Renfrew remain, but the latter takes in a few townships in the eastern section of Nipissing to make up its quota. Sturgeon Falls goes into the balance of Nipissing, while Manitoulin passes out of existence, being joined to Algoma.

Lincoln-St. Catharines.

Welland remains, but takes in the Township of Pelham of Lincoln County, and the balance of Lincoln is now with St. Catharines. Hamilton loses one seat through a portion of it going to make up a Wentworth-Hamilton riding.

The two Perth ridings are merged, including the Town of Palmerston. Wellington South is unchanged, except that it takes in the Township of Eramosa, which goes into Wellington North. Huron South will now take in Goderich, which was formerly in North Huron, and North Huron takes in Huron Township, Kinloss, Culross and Carrick Townships of South Bruce.

The balance of South Bruce, being Kincardine, Greenoch and Brant Townships, including Walkerton, is added to North Bruce.

Names Are Changed.

Two present ridings are to have their names changed. North East Wellington becomes North Wellington and West Middlesex becomes South Middlesex. The bill will likely go into Committee of the Whole today, as the principle of the legislation has already received second reading.

There is said to be a political battle in the air over the two Toronto ridings. The committee has virtually decided that Brockton and Greenwood must pass, but what members will vacate their seats is another question. George Smith, who represents Greenwood in the present House, may take Woodbine vacated by George Shields, who is resigning, but, it is said, there will be a fight to allow Fred McBrien (Brockton) to run elsewhere.

Finlayson Announcement.

The official announcement of Hon. Mr. Finlayson follows: The Select Committee of the Legislature, which was appointed to consider Bill No. 125, an Act Respecting the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly, has completed its sessional tasks, and has unanimously recommended to the House the adoption of its proposed new schedule of ninety electoral districts. Boundaries of the ridings are set out in the schedule which is now in the hands of the printers.

Units Ruled.

In effecting this advocated reduction of twenty-two seats in the present house membership of 112, the committee has used as its redistribution basis a minimum population of 25,000 for a rural riding, and of 50,000 for an urban constituency, and has endeavored where possible to stick to county boundaries.

At its organization meeting on April 4, the committee re-elected Hon. Mr. Finlayson as Chairman, and named a subcommittee, comprising Hon. Mr. Macaulay, Dr. McQuibban and Mr. Taylor, to survey the ridings situation and draw up a tentative schedule along the line of the 20 per cent. reduction favored previously in the House by the Premier. This subcommittee, after two meetings, was able to present a program that received the unanimous endorsement of the main committee.

The ninety ridings provided are as follows:

- 1—Addington.
- 2—Algoma-Manitoulin.
- 3—Brant.
- 4—Brantford.
- 5—Bruce North.
- 6—Carleton.
- 7—Cochrane North.
- 8—Cochrane South.
- 9—Dufferin-Simcoe.
- 10—Durham.
- 11—Elgin.
- 12—Essex North.
- 13—Essex South.
- 14—Fort William.
- 15—Glengarry.
- 16—Grenville-Dundas.
- 17—Grey North.
- 18—Grey South.
- 19—Haldimand-Norfolk.
- 20—Halton.
- 21—Hamilton East.
- 22—Hamilton Centre.
- 23—Hastings East.
- 24—Hastings West.
- 25—Huron South.
- 26—Huron-Bruce.
- 27—Kent East.
- 28—Kent West.
- 29—Kenora.
- 30—Kingston.
- 31—Lambton East.
- 32—Lambton West.
- 33—Lanark.
- 34—Leeds-Brockville.
- 35—Lincoln-St. Catharines.
- 36—London.
- 37—Middlesex North.
- 38—Middlesex West.
- 39—Muskoka-Ontario.
- 40—Niagara Falls.
- 41—Nipissing-Sturgeon Falls.
- 42—Northumberland.
- 43—Ontario South.
- 44—Ottawa East.
- 45—Ottawa South.
- 46—Oxford.
- 47—Parry Sound.
- 48—Peel.
- 49—Perth.
- 50—Peterborough.
- 51—Port Arthur.
- 52—Prescott.
- 53—Prince Edward-Lennox.
- 54—Rainy River.
- 55—Renfrew North.
- 56—Renfrew South.
- 57—Russell.
- 58—Sault Ste. Marie.
- 59—Simcoe Centre.
- 60—Simcoe East.
- 61—Stormont.
- 62—Sudbury.
- 63—Timiskaming.
- 64—Victoria.
- 65—Waterloo North.
- 66—Waterloo South.
- 67—Wellington North.
- 68—Wellington South.
- 69—Welland.
- 70—Wentworth South.
- 71—Wentworth-Hamilton.
- 72—Windsor East.
- 73—Windsor West.
- 74—York North.
- 75—York South.
- 76—York East.
- 77—York West.
- 78 to 90 inclusive—Toronto (13 seats, a loss of two).