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POSTMASTER GENERAL

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Ottawa, 10th January 1947.

A.D.P. Heeney, Esq.,
Secretary to the Cabinet,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Heeney:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I beg to say that the only legislation required to replace emergency powers in so far as this Department is concerned is that respecting supplemental payments on mail contracts.

The Department hoped to proceed this session with the re-enactment of the Post Office Act and it has already been printed in bill form. On studying the matter carefully, however, I find that the Bill as printed is not entirely satisfactory and, therefore, I propose that the re-enactment be postponed until a further definite study has been made of the whole act.

There is, however, need for one important change which affects two sections of the present Act and I enclose a copy of a suggested bill which I am today forwarding to the Joint Law Clerks of the House of Commons. I also enclose, for the information of the Cabinet, explanatory notes in connection therewith.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Ernest Bertrand.