

Royal Assent

Ottawa, June 26, 1970

report was tabled, the three negotiators and conciliators could not even agree with each other.

Today, a steady threat plagues the Canadian people: the outbreak of a general postal strike.

The Canadian public cannot be blamed for that either. What are therefore the causes of such a colossal farce, apparently entirely dreamed up by the Postmaster General and Minister of Communications, so as to convince us once and for all that he is a bad administrator?

First, the minister convinced us that there had to be an increase in postal rates, which have become prohibitive for many daily or weekly newspapers throughout Canada, especially in Quebec. Thus, he was undermining the confidence of the Canadian people in the mail service while increasing postal rates and forcing out of business several magazines, dailies and weeklies, due to increased shipping costs. That time, you will recall, he showed contempt for the rights of Parliament and he laughed at the members who were telling him that the rates had become intolerable. We must admit that once more the minister "boobed" when reorganizing the postal system in Canada to such an extent that today we are threatened with a general strike.

The minister who is responsible for streamlining his department, had promised to do so, but today we notice that he alone is responsible for the confusion prevailing in the Post Office Department and the dissatisfaction of 27,000 postal workers.

On several occasions, lately, I met some Post Office employees in Victoriaville, a municipality located in the riding of Lotbinière. I visited their office and I discussed with them, neither politics nor pretty politics, but simply their working conditions so as to know better in what climate they work.

I have not found one single person in that office who was satisfied with the organization. In Victoriaville, the Post Office people work in a damp basement where they suffocate.

In Montreal—

[English]

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the following communication:

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Gérard Fauteux, C.P., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber on Friday, the 26th June, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of giving the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Brigadier General Louis-Frémont Trudeau,
Assistant Secretary to the Governor General

A message was delivered by the Deputy Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

• (5:10 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act to establish a commission for the reform of the laws of Canada

An act to prevent pollution of areas of the arctic waters adjacent to the mainland and islands of the Canadian arctic

An act to amend the Territorial Sea and Fishing Zones Act

An act respecting inland water resources in the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories

An act to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources

An act to amend the Canada Labour (Standards) Code

An act to amend the Excise Act

An act to amend the National Energy Board Act

An act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act

An act to amend the Yukon Act, the Northwest Territories Act and the Territorial Lands Act

An act respecting civil liability for nuclear damage

An act respecting regulations made pursuant to section 4 of the Aeronautics Act

An act respecting the franchise of electors and the election of members to the House of Commons

An act to postpone the expiration of certain provisions of an act to amend the Canada Shipping Act

An act to amend the Fisheries Act

An act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

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