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mailed from Toronto. The Ontario law will still apply. They will still have to truck the Ontario issues from Toronto down to Montreal and have them mailed in Montreal. As regards the practical result of this law you will have *Maclean's* magazine mailing its publication at two points, one in Montreal, its point of publication but not where it is printed, and the other from Toronto. I should spell this out again. The result will be that the issues going to the rest of Canada, outside of Ontario, will be mailed in Toronto and will obtain the lower rate of postage from that point.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** May I interrupt the hon. member again to ask another question? Why does he infer that? Why would not they have some of these distributed from Calgary or Vancouver? It is pure inference on the part of the hon. gentleman.

**Mr. Knowles:** It is not pure inference. I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that this interruption suggests that the purpose of this legislation is along the line now inferred by the Secretary of State (Mr. Pickersgill), namely to enable the shipment of bundles of the *Financial Post* to Calgary, or some other point, to be distributed from there. But that is an inference which is entirely unwarranted, for whether or not advantage of this legislation will be taken for that purpose has not yet been decided.

What is definite is that *Maclean's* magazine wants to save this \$20,000 to \$25,000 it is now spending in trucking its magazine down to Montreal, and I say again that I have no objection to *Maclean's* magazine trying to save some money if possible. My hon. friends can snicker about that, but what we are doing here is enabling a firm to get around provincial law and still have the cheap rates granted under federal law under certain circumstances.

I could spend more time than I am allowed, Mr. Speaker, in reciting the number of times it has been said on the floor of this house that we must not interfere with provincial rights. It has been said we have got to be very careful about health insurance because that is a provincial matter; we are told that we cannot have federal aid to education because that is a provincial matter; we have got to be careful as to what we say about any provincial laws because that would be interfering with provincial matters; and on the administration of justice how many times has the Minister of Justice (Mr. Garson) said that is something with which we must not interfere because it is a provincial matter.

But here is a provincial law which is clear-cut and specific. This firm wants to

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get around it, so this firm, along with others, wants the federal government to amend a federal law to the extent that it is possible by so doing to enable them to get around the provincial law. There is one thing the federal government cannot do and that is amend the law so that it will permit a magazine printed in Toronto to be mailed from Toronto to Ontario subscribers, if it carries liquor advertisements.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, I do not want to be tiresome but I would like to ask the hon. gentleman one more question. How is it going to be possible for *Maclean's* magazine or anyone else to get around the law in Ontario by posting publications in Toronto to other provinces? They are not going to anyone in Ontario. The present practice as far as Ontario is concerned, if I followed my hon. friend correctly, is that they will continue in their present position and nothing will be done about the subscriber in Ontario. All that would be done by this bill is to permit publishers to post in Toronto magazines to other provinces. That is not getting around the law of Ontario because the people of the other provinces are not subject to the laws of Ontario. It has nothing to do with provincial rights or the law of Ontario.

**Mr. Knowles:** The reason they will not be breaking the Ontario law by printing a publication in Toronto and mailing it somewhere else—just a minute; listen to me now—is that some lawyer suggested to *Maclean's* magazine that they could get around that law by declaring that it is published in Montreal. They get around the law by saying: No, we do not publish in Toronto. The *Maclean-Hunter Publishing Company* may be situated in Toronto. The printers are there; and by the way their relationship with the printers is not any too good, but that is a side issue. The work may be done there,—

**Mr. Martin:** Stick to the point.

**Mr. Knowles:** —but on the masthead it says: "Published in Montreal". This government by this bill is going to permit a publication, which although printed in Toronto is technically published in Montreal, to be mailed from a point in Ontario to other provinces and thereby to get the reduced rate of postage. I appreciate the interest of the Secretary of State in this matter but I think it is an interest that recognizes the point I am making.

**Mr. Trainor:** Would the hon. member permit a question?

**Mr. Knowles:** Yes.