

warrants it. However, at the time the Bill was introduced, back-to-work legislation was not warranted, least of all the Draconian law we now have before us.

[*Translation*]

Madam Speaker, the service Canadians have received from Canada Post during the past year has not greatly improved. I should point out that in ridings like the one I represent, and I would urge the Hon. Member opposite to pay special attention, because the same probably applies to his riding as well, it should be said that in my riding for instance, we have people who live in Orléans, in the National Capital Region, who, although they are in an urban area, do not have the privilege—and it should be considered a right, but at this time it is a privilege—of having home mail delivery.

[*English*]

We even have an unusual situation in one of our communities. People living in downtown Orleans in my riding, a community of 75,000 people, have as their postal address the Town of Navan, eight kilometres away. That is about the same as residents of Ottawa having Gatineau as an address. According to Canada Post the reason is so that they could have contractors instead of union employees deliver the mail to the supermailboxes. The Navan Post Office does not use union employees, and if Canada Post gives people a Navan address, even though they do not live there, then that justifies delivering the mail door-to-door by that means. That is the kind of service my constituents in the Orleans area are getting right now from Canada Post. It is a devious attempt to circumvent paying union labour in the community.

When Canadians listen to the news, they do not always get that side of the story. They of course hear that Canada Post is trying to deliver the mail and something bogged down here because of a labour disruption. Some people look at that and say, "It is the union's fault again. Someone in the union is too aggressive or something or other and has caused this situation." That is not always the case, and I have just described a situation where nothing short of a loophole has been used to deprive my constituents of the mail service they should be getting, with the side effect of giving them as an address the name of a community they do not live in.

Can you imagine living in that town and trying to get something delivered, say a furniture company to deliver the refrigerator? They end up in the wrong town.

**Mr. McDermid:** Oh, come on.

**Mr. Boudria:** The Hon. Member for Brampton—Georgetown (Mr. McDermid), who will soon be defeated, sits there amazed that this kind of thing is happening.

**Mr. McDermid:** You can come down to my riding any time. I would love to have you there.

**Mr. Boudria:** I do not blame him. I was speaking slowly so I know he understood everything. He should realize that these

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kinds of things are going on. He does not. If he would come to my constituency he would find out. Tories seldom come to my constituency because they are not welcome there.

**Mr. McDermid:** You are welcome in my riding any time.

**Mr. Cooper:** You had my picture in your householder.

**Mr. Boudria:** The Hon. Member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper), for whom I have great respect, says his picture was in my constituency mail-out. That is true.

**Mr. Cooper:** You just want to be seen with great people.

**Mr. Boudria:** I think very highly of the Hon. Member notwithstanding his shortcomings in being a Tory.

**Mr. McDermid:** It is not fair to refer to his stature.

**Mr. Blaikie:** He said "shortcoming" not "short standing".

**Mr. Boudria:** In closing, I cannot support this kind of legislation. I would not want to support any kind of back-to-work legislation at this time because I do not believe we have reached the stage where it is warranted. An Hon. Member referred to the fact that even the Canadian Federation of Small Business said there is no need to pull the plug yet.

**Mr. McDermid:** What Member?

**Mr. Boudria:** Even they did not think it was the appropriate time for back-to-work legislation.

**Mr. McDermid:** Take a look at what their membership says.

**Mr. Boudria:** Even if it were time, and inevitably there is a time for that, this is the wrong kind of legislation. It is harsh, Draconian and unfair. People will remember that the Tory Government is so desperate that it is willing to run roughshod over the rights of Canadians in order to enhance their tarnished image. That is the sorry state of the Progressive Conservative Party.

[*Translation*]

It is too bad the Conservative Party has reached the point, Madam Speaker, where they are so desperate they are ready to do just about anything to restore their tarnished image. That will not work, because Canadians are intelligent, and Canadians are informed consumers. As informed consumers, they purchased some merchandise in 1984. They are now disappointed in this Conservative merchandise, and they intend to drop this product at the first opportunity. This first opportunity will be the next election, and I say to Hon. Members opposite that Canadians are fed up with this kind of Government, and that the Government, instead of trying to restore its image and resorting to all kinds of publicity exercises, that this Government should spend some time and energy on doing its job, which is to govern Canada. That is what they were elected for, not for the kind of legislation and bills we have before us today.