

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: In my opinion, the "nays" have it.

And two honourable senators having risen.

Hon. William M. Kelly: I suggest a 10-minute bell, honourable senators, with the vote to be taken at 4:10 p.m.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Is it agreed that the vote be taken at 4:10 p.m., honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Call in the senators.

• (1610)

Motion in amendment of Senator Corbin negatived on the following division:

YEAS

HONOURABLE SENATORS

Adams	Hébert
Bosa	Marchand
Cools	Molgat
Corbin	Neiman
Frith	Olson
Gigantès	Petten
Grafstein	Robichaud
Graham	Thériault
Hastings	Watt—18.

NAYS

HONOURABLE SENATORS

Barootes	Macdonald (<i>Cape Breton</i>)
Berntson	MacDonald (<i>Halifax</i>)
Bolduc	Macquarrie
Carney	Marshall
Chaput-Rolland	Meighen
Cogger	Murray
Comeau	Phillips
Di Nino	Poitras
Doyle	Rivest
Forrestall	Robertson
Johnson	Ross
Kelleher	Rossiter
Kelly	Simard
Keon	Spivak
Kinsella	Stratton
Lavoie-Roux	Sylvain—33.
Lynch-Staunton	

ABSTENTIONS HONOURABLE SENATORS

Molson—1.

• (1620)

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, it was moved by the Honourable Senator Lynch-Staunton, seconded by the Honourable Senator Bolduc, that this bill be read the third time. Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Senators: On division.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed, on division.

CANADA POST CORPORATION ACT

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Meighen, seconded by the Honourable Senator Rossiter, for the second reading of Bill C-73, An Act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act.— (*Honourable Senator Molgat*)

Hon. Royce Frith (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, Bill C-73 is about Canada Post, as is evident from its title and as Senator Meighen has told us. Let me begin by declaring myself a life-long supporter of Canada Post and of postal services in general around the world. I have never overcome my first impression as a youngster of the miracle of being able to stick what was then a one or two cent stamp on an envelope and having it show up hundreds — and even thousands — of miles away, or arriving at our home from similar distances. It seemed a miracle at that time, and still does.

Senator Murray: By stage coach?

Senator Frith: Not quite that long ago. By train, I guess, was how it was conveyed then. They had a special postage car.

I say it is a miracle, and I do not say that with the sarcasm that so often accompanies any comment about the post office. The post office traditionally is the target of what it calls cheap shots. If you work for the post office, and particularly if you are an official in the post office, you have to accept the role of what Tom Wolfe called the flak catcher.