

People who go over to the United States tell of the surprising ignorance of the people of the United States regarding Canada. Now, I do not know of any magazine—there may be one, but I do not know of it—of the character of *Time* magazine that goes from Canada to the United States. But I do know that *Time* magazine comes from the United States to Canada. I am one of those who have read it, I think, every week, for I would not like to say how long, but at least for five years or longer. I have learned from that magazine more about the politics of the United States than I know about the politics of Canada, and I think that everybody else who reads it can say the same. It is a very valuable asset to a man or woman in the public life of this country to know the political life of that great nation to the south of us.

Now, Americans do a great many things that we do not like in Canada. Just the other day the Secretary of War made some very sarcastic remarks about the Suez Canal situation—called it “a little row over there”, or something like that. “A little row”! It may mean a world war before we are done with it. It is a very great problem, the problem of the East and the West in that particular part of the world. The oil rights are tremendous and any interruption to the flow of oil would affect the whole world. The Americans do not know our problem, they do not know the British problem, they do not know the French problem. Probably Mr. Dulles knows it, probably the President knows it, but the rank and file of the people in the United States do not know it. We do not know it ourselves.

We in Canada should read *Time* magazine. I am not saying it is a great magazine. I presume there are lots better. I think some of the newspapers from Boston are better, and the *New York Times* is one of the outstanding papers of the world. I presume there are great papers in Chicago and other places, but I do not know of them. From my reading I seem to have a personal knowledge of the President and the Vice-President of the United States, of the Democratic presidential candidate and the possible candidates for the office of Vice-President. I might even go so far as to say that I know those people nearly as well as I know our own people. And I get that knowledge through that magazine. Now, maybe it is not worth while to educate a man like me; maybe it is no use educating any member of the Senate or of the House of Commons, or of any Legislature in Canada, or the mayor of a city or any member of a city council. Maybe that is not required in Canada. Maybe we are supposed

to have that knowledge without being educated to it, but I, unfortunately, am one of those who require that type of education. I have no doubt that many of the rest of you know all about these things, but I do not.

I have read that magazine very carefully for many years just to get acquainted with a good magazine that will give a reader the impressions of the American people and tell how they act. By putting a tax on that magazine and preventing it from coming into Canada—which this measure, after all, is intended to do—I think we are making a mistake. I think we are wrong. To lift this tax would not be catering to the United States. The Americans do not care if the magazine is prevented from coming into Canada, but we may care. Some people say that we are independent of them, but don't be too sure of that. We spent \$24 million this year in building a new guided missile and eventually it turned out to be no good and we have now to adopt the type of weapon that the Americans are building.

In my opinion this tax is absolutely uncalled for. I do not think it will in any way help readers in Canada one iota; I do not think it will help any magazine in Canada to any appreciable extent at all. I would like to ask what other publication I could obtain that would give me the news of the political life of the United States.

Hon. Mr. Smith: *Newsweek*.

Hon. Mr. Kinley: The *New York Times* and the *United States News and World Report*.

Hon. Mr. Haig: But those are American magazines too.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, this tax will not keep out any magazine. This is a tax on the advertising content of a special Canadian issue of a magazine published outside Canada.

Hon. Mr. Haig: That is the purpose of it, to keep magazines out.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: No, not at all. The purpose is to give Canadian magazines a chance to get the advertising that is at present going to publishers outside Canada. There is no attempt to keep American magazines out of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Haig: That may be true enough, but the only purpose of putting a tax on those magazines is to keep them from coming into this country.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Not at all, not at all.

Hon. Mr. Haig: It cannot be for any other purpose. *Time* is not an immoral magazine, it does not teach anything immoral, it does not oppose religion or imperil public order.