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periodicals to the extent of \$15 million a year because second-class mail is being handled at a loss. I feel that is a very generous contribution.

My views on liquor are well known. I do not propose to inflict my opinions on the house but I believe this parliament should have some respect for provincial laws. We have heard a great deal about dominion-provincial rights. So long as Ontario has a law that says no publication in that province shall accept or print liquor advertisements, I feel this parliament should respect it. I have been a subscriber to *Maclean's* for a long time. I believe it is a very good periodical, but I do not welcome having the liquor advertisements come into my house as a subsidized project. I object to this parliament passing legislation that will now make it legal for *Maclean's* magazine to accept liquor advertisements, to print the magazine in Toronto and mail it in Toronto, in spite of the fact the Ontario law says that is illegal. The parliament of this country is, by law, making it possible for Canadian publications to disregard the law of the province in which they are published, that is Ontario, and I think for the benefit of future relations between the provinces and this parliament we should not vote for the third reading of this bill.

Mr. Speaker: Shall this motion be agreed to, on division?

Mr. Knowles: On division.

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

PENSION ACT**AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN, CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION, ETC.**

The house resumed, from Tuesday, June 8, consideration in committee of Bill No. 339, to amend the Pension Act—Mr. Lapointe—Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

The Chairman: When the committee rose last evening we were considering clause 2. Shall the clause carry?

On clause 2—*Salaries*.

Mr. Brooks: It is not my intention to prolong this debate. We had a very intensive discussion of this section last night. If anyone had any doubts as to the unnecessary inclusion of this section in the act previous to that discussion, I am sure those doubts should have been dispelled. This debate has clearly indicated that this section is entirely unnecessary. No logical argument has been advanced as to why this provision for the salaries of the commissioners should be included.

It has been pointed out clearly also that this section is of no benefit to the veterans. If the salaries of the commissioners should be increased, there is a provision in the act now for the increasing of those salaries. Our procedure in this connection is one of long standing. I feel it was clearly indicated there would be no hardships inflicted on the commissioners if this section were not passed. It is clearly indicated, too, that this section takes away the rights of parliament. I am not going to debate that any further, Mr. Chairman. It is not necessary.

It was indicated that the commission being a quasi-judicial body should be free from all political influence or even the appearance of political influence, just as the judges of this country are. I am not going to press these points any further, Mr. Chairman, but I again appeal to the minister to have this section deleted from the act. I am sure it will give general satisfaction to all the veterans across this country, and to all the friends of the veterans. I know that the great majority of this country are in that category. If the minister does not see his way clear to deleting the section, I think we are justified in appealing to all members of this committee to vote the section down.

Mr. Hahn: I do not wish to reiterate all the claims and charges that were made yesterday. As I said yesterday, however, I feel that we should not let the control of the spending of money leave this particular parliament or any parliament in the future. We have had too long a struggle in the past to try to obtain it. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley:

That clause 2, section (1), of the bill be amended by striking out the words "the governor in council" in line 16 and substituting in place thereof the word "parliament" and

That clause 2, section (2), be amended by striking out the words "the governor in council" where they occur in line 19, and substituting therefor the word "parliament".

Subamendment negatived: Yeas, 53; nays, 86.

The Chairman: I declare the subamendment lost. Shall clause 2 as previously amended carry?

Mr. Fleming: On division.

Clause agreed to on division.

Clauses 3 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

On clause 8.

Mr. Bennett: Mr. Chairman, I offer the following amendment, which the Minister of Finance will move:

That subsection 3 of section 31 of the said act be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(3) Notwithstanding any limitations contained in this section, the commission may, in its discretion,