

*Government Orders*

not only to sell their product but to service the product for Canadians.

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I would impress upon and ask the officials in the executive and on the board of directors of Canada Post to return to the good business principles for which they were hired and return Canada Post to delivering a service of which all Canadians should be proud.

**Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, this is a very important bill. It is important to defeat Bill C-73 because it is another one of these government bills portraying one thing to the public when it means something just the opposite. This has been the technique of the present Prime Minister. This has been the technique of the present government.

Let me give an example. It says that the changes in this bill, as amended in the legislative committee, are indicated by the underlined and vertical lines. Let us turn to section 27.3(1) which reads:

The Minister, the Corporation and any subsidiary of the Corporation are authorized to issue or transfer to, and to purchase from, directly or indirectly, employees of the Corporation non-voting shares of the Corporation in accordance with such plan as the Board may, with the approval of the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister, the Minister of Finance and the Treasury Board, establish by-law.

That section gives it all away. It gives the Tory hidden agenda away. They want to look good in the eyes of the workers. "Here are some shares. You own the corporation." Does that not sound great? However, does one have any say in that corporation? No, not one word. Does one have any say in the future plans of the corporation, whether the working conditions should be safe in this corporation? No. Again it is in the hands of the Order in Council, in the hands of a group of ministers who think they know it all and they know what is best for all Canadians.

I am very angry as I am speaking here because in Parkdale—High Park we do not have one traditional post office left. All we have left in my riding are retail outlets. There is one good retail outlet remaining that has been in existence for 35 years in the High Park Pharmacy. It serves thousands and thousands of people, seniors and

handicapped people who live on the subway corridor right behind this pharmacy.

A year ago someone in this big corporation decided to close this outlet, the only one between the other outlets crossways at Windermere and Bloor which these people have no way of getting to. These people send parcels to Lithuania, to Ukraine, to Poland. Here are people in their seventies and eighties bringing their parcels to this corner post office so they can get them mailed. What a convenience. The pharmacy owner is happy and the clients are happy. They could never be happier.

What does the government and the corporation do? This outlet is too convenient so they close it. I intervened a year ago in the House, in writing to the minister, so the minister and the corporation agreed that they would postpone their decision for one year. That was last May. This May of 1993 we were going to get a decision about the future of this post office.

This corporation, where the clients have no say, where the people providing the service have no say, have harassed this post office and a month ago threatened to close it again. It is not giving them a franchise and it is not allowing them to carry on the excellent service that this High Park Pharmacy postal station 166 is providing to the community.

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I intervened. What is the reason behind closing it? Well, Mr. Vaughan from the corporation said that the business was not at the preferred site identified for development. Who wants development? We have High Park right opposite the pharmacy. We have thousands of people living behind the pharmacy. Why do we want development? We have enough clients there now. Because there is no future development, they feel they have to close this postal outlet.

Mr. Dzulynsky keeps asking, and I quote from his letter: "We ask on what basis this study has been made because we are one of the busiest outlets in the area and our volume could sustain a franchise". Again the bureaucrats or some consultant has discovered that their business is going down.

Just last week Mr. Dzulynsky delivered the receipts for February 1992 and this February to me. Business increased, it did not go down. The higher-ups in the