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problem can be found. I am wondering if the minister can tell us what decisions have been arrived at out of discussions the hon. member for Kent mentioned.

The minister will correct me if I am wrong, but I understand there is a difference in the regulations in the different provinces covering the number of potential box holders required to extend a rural mail route. I understand it is the same in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

I have heard other members ask for twice a day mail delivery, but I should like to join with other speakers who have pointed out that there are still many people in this country who would be glad to get mail once a day. In this day and age, with modern transportation of one kind and another, I think the Post Office Department should consider every possible way of providing mail service to those who are perhaps some little distance from rural routes. Some older people on farms have to travel quite a distance to get their mail each day. I know it would be appreciated and would work to the advantage of the department if they would look into the further extension of rural routes.

Progress reported.

Mr. Harris: Tomorrow I understand the municipal grants bill will be on the order paper, having been returned from the committee on banking and commerce. We shall take that bill, and then proceed with the present estimates.

Mr. Macdonnell: I understand the minutes of that committee have not been printed. It seems unfortunate that we are to consider this bill without having seen the committee minutes. We had a very serious discussion in the committee, as the minister knows.

Mr. Harris: It has not been customary on all occasions to hold up legislation until the printing of the committee minutes. My hon. friend was a member of the committee, and unless he feels there are some matters that are very serious that should hold up this bill I think we ought to proceed. As I say, we do not await the printing of the material on every occasion.

Mr. Crestohl: There were no amendments.

Mr. Harris: No.

Mr. Macdonnell: I am not going to press it.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.