

Post Office Act

be careful. I suggest to the Secretary of State that if it were not necessary for *Maclean's* to take its publication to Montreal at the present time it would not be doing so, and if it did not think it had to get the law changed in order to mail these publications from Toronto it would not have asked for this legislation. I am sure the Secretary of State must have been on the receiving end of the representations with respect to this matter, and he must know that what they want is the right to be able to carry liquor advertising and mail from Toronto despite the law there which says—

Mr. Lennard: To other provinces.

Mr. Knowles: They would like to do it in Ontario too but the Ontario law will not permit them. In this House of Commons, where the rights of the provinces are pleaded so often by the gentlemen on the other side of the house, we are now presented with legislation which is enabling people to get around the Ontario law. That, Mr. Speaker, is the real issue in the measure now before us.

Before you find that my time has expired may I just deal with one other point. It is argued that to make this change will not adversely affect the postal revenue. It is my contention that it will, and that it will do so in respect of *Maclean's* magazine itself. At the present time all the issues of *Maclean's* magazine are being trucked to Montreal and mailed from there. If this legislation goes through, the issues destined for Ontario will continue to be trucked to Montreal and mailed from there. There will be no change so far as issues going to points in Ontario are concerned.

In the case of the issues going to subscribers in western Canada, at the present time they are being trucked to Montreal and mailed from there to western Canada. If the bill passes they will be mailed from Toronto to western Canada. So far as the post office is concerned, there is practically no difference involved in that change. Issues for western Canada will be carried from Toronto to Sudbury or Capreol and then on west instead of being carried from Montreal to Sudbury or Capreol and then on west. The only difference is the difference in mileage between Toronto and Sudbury or Capreol on the one hand and between Montreal and Sudbury or Capreol on the other. There is a slight difference but not enough to amount to anything.

But I ask hon. members to note what will happen in the case of issues destined for the province of Quebec or the maritime provinces, including Newfoundland. At the present time all the issues for these five provinces are trucked, at *Maclean's* expense, to Montreal,

and are mailed from Montreal to their destinations in the five provinces. After the bill goes through, issues for these five provinces, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, will be mailed in Toronto and the post office will have to bear the expense of carrying them by train from Toronto to Montreal, an expense which they do not now have to bear, an expense which at the moment is met by *Maclean's* magazine.

I submit that when one looks at that aspect of the matter it becomes evident that this change is actually going to cost the Post Office Department additional money compared with what it is now spending for the transport of this magazine. As I have indicated a good many times there are other publications involved. This is not an act for the relief of *Maclean's* magazine. It is an act of general application, but this magazine seems to be the one affected most. It is the Maclean-Hunter Publishing Company that has made the most active representations, and that is my reason for having cited that magazine as an example throughout the case I have been making this afternoon. Basically what is involved here is that we have a bill, the purpose of which is to enable firms in Ontario to get around the provincial law and still enjoy the right to the cheap postage provided in the federal act for newspapers and magazines. I think the House of Commons should turn down this measure.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Cote) which was agreed to on the following division:

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Messrs:

Abbott	Cavers
Aitken, Miss	Chevrier
Anderson	Churchill
Applewhaite	Clark
Ashbourne	Claxton
Batten	Cote
Bell	Croll
Benidickson	Dechene
Bennett (Grey North)	Decore
Blackmore	Denis
Blair	Diefenbaker
Blanchette	Drew
Bonnier	Dumas
Boucher (Restigouche-Madawaska)	Enfield
Bourget	Eyre
Bourque	Fairclough, Mrs.
Brisson	Fairey
Brooks	Fleming
Brown (Brantford)	Follwell
Brown (Essex West)	Forgie
Buchanan	Fraser (Peterborough)
Byrne	Fraser (St. John's East)
Cameron (High Park)	Fulton
Cannon	Gardiner
Cardin	Garland
Caron	Garson
Carter	Gauthier (Lake St. John)
Cauchon	Gauthier (Nickel Belt)