

Division

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Harding:—but there are one or two points that I think the House should consider before we take the final vote on this legislation which will sharply increase postal rates in Canada. Just over two years ago we considered legislation which increased the first-class postal rate throughout the nation. After checking the material given us at that time one wonders how efficient is the administration of the Post Office Department.

Before the adjustments of two years ago we had a deficit of \$28.1 million. Then came the measure which was estimated to take \$42.8 million out of the pockets of Canadians in increasing the first-class mailing rates. This was supposed to give us a profit for 1969-70 of \$14.6 million. Now comes a bigger boost than ever in first-class mail rates to gouge another \$50 or \$60 million out of the Canadian public, making it pretty close to \$100 million in the last two or three years.

There are other examples in the bill, Mr. Speaker, but I shall not deal with them now because we are considering first-class mail rates. It is crystal clear that we were sold a bill of goods just over two years ago when these rates were given to the House and we were told we would go from a deficit position to one of pretty fair profit. I think we should take a good look at the administration of the Post Office Department before we agree to any more increases, because if we follow the pattern of the past we will be back here two years from now jack'ng up the rates to 10 cents or 12 cents a letter.

An hon. Member: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The question is on the amendment. All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): In my opinion the nays have it.

An hon. Member: On division.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. McCleave) which was negatived on the following division:

• (9:50 p.m.)

YEAS

Messrs:

Alexander	Beaudoin
Alkenbrack	Bell
Baldwin	Bigg
Barnett	Carter

[Mr. Harding.]

Code
Danforth
Dinsdale
Downey
Fairweather
Fortin
Gilbert
Godin
Grills
Gundlock
Hales
Harding
Horner
Howe
Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre)
Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand)
Lambert
(Bellechasse)
Lambert
(Edmonton West)
Latulippe
Lundrigan
MacDonald (Egmont)
MacInnis (Mrs.)
MacKay

Allmand
Anderson
Andras
Barrett
Bécharde
Beer
Benson
Blair
Blouin
Borrie
Boulanger
Breau
Caccia
Cafik
Chappell
Chrétien
Clermont
Comtois
Corbin
Corriveau
Côté (Longueuil)
Crossman
Cullen
Cyr
Deachman
Deakon
Dubé
Dupras
Duquet
Éthier
Forest
Forget
Foster
Francis
Gendron
Gibson
Gillespie
Givens
Goyer
Groos
Guilbault
Hopkins
Hymmen
Jamieson
Jerome

Messrs:

MacLean
Macquarrie
MacRae
McCleave
McGrath
McIntosh
McKinley
Mazankowski
Monteith
Murta
Nesbitt
Noble
Peddle
Peters
Ritchie
Rodrigue
Rondeau
Rose
Saltsman
Scott
Simpson
Skoreyko
Southam
Stewart (Marquette)
Thomas (Moncton)
Thompson (Red Deer)
Woolliams—58.

NAYS

Messrs:

Lachance
Laflamme
Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt)
Langlois
LeBlanc (Rimouski)
Lessard (LaSalle)
Lessard
(Lac-Saint-Jean)
Lind
Loiselle
MacGuigan
McIlraith
McNulty
Mahoney
Marceau
Marchand
(Kamloops-Cariboo)
Noël
O'Connell
Olson
Osler
Penner
Perrault
Pringle
Reid
Robinson
Rochon
Roy (Laval)
Serré
Sharp
Smith
(Northumberland-Miramichi)
Smith (Saint-Jean)
Stafford
St. Pierre
Sulatycky
Watson
Weatherhead
Whelan
Whicher
Whiting
Yanakis—84.