

Sirs,

Once again I find myself flabbergasted by the mind-numbing stupidity of the people who claim to run this country.

Deregulation of Canada Post is very nearly as monumentally wrong-headed as the break-up of the Canadian rail service. At the time we heard how expensive it was to run, how no one used it anymore, and that we would never miss it. Now with the energy crunch, the cost of gasoline skyrocketing, and the exorbitant prices to fly from place to place within our own country, a viable train system like the one we used to have would be the most efficient, economical and ecologically sound way to travel.

I honestly believe allowing our postal service to follow in the footsteps of rail service ultimately will be disastrous. We have seen the coming of privatised parcel delivery throughout the world, and although initially it was the alternative of choice, the competition forced our postal delivery system to become more competitive and efficient. Why can't we let it evolve on its own?

Privatisation of the postal service will simply put the Canadian public at the mercy of whomever we are gullible enough to allow to take over. Not to mention the loss of jobs, the disruption of rural services ,and any number of other nasty surprises we will eventually be handed.

When countries first come into existence, one of the first priorities is usually the affordable, reliable and timely delivery of the correspondence of the populace. I see the removal of that system as a step toward the dissolution of a country, and quite frankly there are enough other internal and external pressures trying to dismantle this country that I feel it behoves us to say "No" to one more.

If our Prime Minister feels a compulsion to say "No" to something, why can't he turn his gaze upon something that will have a beneficial effect on the country and ultimately the world? Let him stand up and say "No" to the continued sales of drinking water packaged in personal-sized non-biodegradable plastic bottles. The world is looking for leaders with enough forethought to realise the future is longer than the time to the next election. It is leaders who recognise this and make their stands on real changes that go down in the history books as "great".

In conclusion, if my voice means anything in the grand scheme of things, I say leave Canada Post alone. We do not need or want changes made to it.

Thank you for listening,

Sincerely your,

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