

# Mail service

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es like Mr. Lobay's would jeopardize their jobs.

"Mr. Lobay was able to undercut the post office service charges because he was a one-man outfit. But if he hired another man and started delivering outside Winnipeg, he would soon find his profits decreasing," he said.

Anybody who tries to set himself up in competition with the post office is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100 for every day he remains in business, or two months imprisonment or both. But postal authorities say they have no intention of charging Mr. Lobay.

"I was a bit apprehensive all along that something wasn't right. It was paying so well for so little effort," Mr. Lobay said.

"But I wasn't aware I was breaking the law. I thought anything without a stamp on it was legitimate, that people could deliver their mail however they wanted. I knew there were messenger services for parcels and so I thought it would be all right for letters, too," he said.

Mr. Lobay said he took two years of chemical technology at Red River Community College, and a year of pharmacy at the University of Manitoba. He was employed as a research assistant chemist for the department of botany at the University of Manitoba from December to June 1.

"I knew the job was going to end then, and so I applied to Canada Manpower in April. I didn't even get a lead. The idea of a mail delivery service came to me and I started contacting merchants in June and got the thing rolling by the beginning of July.

"Business was so good that when the two post office investigators came to see me, the phone was constantly ringing with new business," he laughed.

The post office monopoly on mail delivery does not extend to flyers and printed advertising material, and exceptions are made for "casual" delivery of letters outside the postal system, the post office spokesman said.

Mr. Lobay is now operating his business on this basis, but working within the law isn't proving quite as lucrative.

"The act is an infringement on free enterprise. It doesn't

seem fair. If my service is wanted and if I do a good job, then I don't see why I shouldn't be allowed to continue.

"I'm only making about \$20 a day now," he added.

## The Rural Municipality of East St. Paul

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Dated at Bird's Hill, Manitoba, this 26th day of July 1972.

Amy A. Gorham  
Secretary-Treasurer

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