

*Prairie Transmission Lines*

later taxes of all kinds will take it away. High rents, high railway fares now, nothing for Christmas, everything is going sky high. Departments are multiplying. With the parliamentary assistants, we have pretty nearly a hundred now. I propose that we call a halt to it.

I doubt whether people can buy property. I doubt whether there is any money in the country left to buy property. What I object to in this particular bill is that it is taken out of the general Pipe Lines Act. Without the authority of the committee, or without the authority of anybody, it is taken out of the general Pipe Lines Act which this house placed under the control of the board of transport commissioners. They were given the right to decide it. Now, who is going to decide it? Without consulting the board of transport commissioners they wiped it out with one stroke accordingly. I object to the way in which we are dealing with this matter. I object to the way in which we are giving away the natural resources of the country.

The bill is also faulty in many other ways. This matter was dealt with the other day by two of my colleagues from Calgary. They had something to say about the development of this work. They raised certain objections to it. I have referred to our forests, our lumber interests and many other great interests and have said what it would mean to trade. I referred to the power development and I said that tens of millions of kilowatt hours of power were exported to help industry in the United States. I have no objection. We are competitors for trade, and no doubt it was done by agreement. But I do object when it interferes with trade and industry in this country. It would provide a great deal of employment for our people. We may run into dislocation of business in a few years, and power developments such as these, where millions and millions of kilowatt hours are given away, would be a great help. We are all competitors for trade on the continent of America. There is no doubt about that at all. Therefore I say I am for a policy of Canada for Canadians. I am for a policy to build up our own trade, to build up our own country, to develop this country first, last and all the time before we develop another man's country, especially when we are competitors for the trade of the world. We are living on export trade. That is where we are making our living. Ships are now tied up because they cannot get cargoes. It reminds me of the close of the first great war. In Great Britain for taxes you could buy a man-of-war. I held up pages of the old

*Post* of London, England, which contained a map. One night in the House of Commons when I was sitting over in the seat in which my colleague from Calgary city now sits, I held up pictures of ships which had been sold for taxes. Shipping is now tied up. How are we going to develop the trade and natural resources of this country if we have not shipping? It is the same on the Pacific. Ships are remaining idle because there is no trade for them.

It is the same with the export of power. I have no objection if it is exported on contract or by agreement; far from it. Hundreds of millions of kilowatt hours are given away to develop our competitors' industry across the border. I do object to that. I want to see us have a policy of Canada for Canadians first, last and all the time, not the policy that has been proposed in this house for many years past. Parliament used to deal with public matters; it used to deal with private bills. I say that the rights of private members are being challenged, because this bill should go to the private bills committee. This is not a bill which should go to the committee on banking and commerce, at all.

We used to have a committee on industrial relations. I was a member of it years ago, when the former member for Winnipeg North Centre, Mr. Woodsworth, sat in the house. I came to the house the same day he did—and may I say he was a very fine gentleman. I think his wife lives in my constituency at the present time. They were a fine family, all the way through. I knew the late gentleman very well. I attended Parkdale collegiate, and I think he used to attend. They were from Dixie, Ontario, the place where Tommy Kennedy comes from. That is the Hon. Thomas Kennedy, formerly premier of Ontario. He attended Parkdale collegiate, too. He was a colleague of my hon. friend the present leader of the official opposition (Mr. Drew).

I believe in a policy of developing our own industries ourselves for the people of Canada. We ought not to depart from that policy or give it away to our competitors in the manner indicated here. It is my view that this bill should have been considered by the committee on private bills, and that is one of my chief reasons for opposing it. I do say that in these dying days of the session I object to any challenge to the rights and functions and privileges which as private members we used to have, when we first entered the House of Commons.

Do not forget this, that the private member is the connecting link and the only connecting