

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

own words the present position of the government as far as the discussion of the bill that is now before us is concerned. It is a "hold-up" of the people's money to the benefit of foreign interests, a hold-up perpetrated with the sordid complicity of the right hon. Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Trade and Commerce and all those who sit in front of me and applaud the government's action.

Mr. Chairman, there have been many references, in this house, to centralization. Small wonder that all provincial powers are being centralized in Ottawa, in the face of all this striving to centralize all procedures and rules of the house. This closure rule, this gag, this guillotine, no matter how you choose to call it, is nothing less, Mr. Chairman, than a most shameful sabotage of our parliamentary institutions. Those who claim to be the saviours of the race are now, more than ever, the worst threat to our beloved freedoms. They have just made a gigantic step that will rapidly lead us to a shameful dictatorship, unless we use all the democratic measures at our disposal to put a stop to the slavery which awaits us.

In my opinion the position taken by the Liberal members is the most degrading deceit our parliament has witnessed since 1867.

Mr. Dupuis: Nonsense!

Mr. Dufresne: Mr. Chairman, I shall not take the time to notice the interjections of the hon. member for St. Mary (Mr. Dupuis). We know that his interjections are intelligent, and I sandwich the word intelligent between quotation marks.

Mr. Dupuis: Well, what do you know!

Mr. Dufresne: Mr. Chairman, I wonder who advised the cabinet to resort to that shameful procedure of closure, which now forces the opposition to fight with all its strength to get out of that concentration camp in which the government has placed it. It is surely not our taciturn Prime Minister who, but a few days ago, finally put an end to his silence and delivered his maiden speech, his first since last January.

Mr. Gauthier (Portneuf): Very smart!

Mr. Dufresne: It is surely not the right hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce, although he has tremendous powers, which he uses and even abuses.

I asked myself a question, Mr. Chairman, and I would like to say it aloud this after-
[Mr. Dufresne.]

noon. Would it not be the hon. member for Temiscouata (Mr. St. Laurent), who stated himself last September that he was the adviser of the Prime Minister, the grey eminence of the government, who was supposed to make his baneful influence felt behind the scene. Would he not be the one who, some morning, softly whispered, in a very filial way, into the ear of the Prime Minister the word closure, because he was of course able to see the Prime Minister of Canada in his pyjamas.

Mr. Boisvert: Why don't you talk about the pipe line bill, which is before the house?

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Dufresne: The hon. member for Nicolet-Yamaska does not like pyjamas!

Mr. Boisvert: Never mind my likes or dislikes, and come around to the pipe line, will you?

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Dufresne: Mr. Chairman, let us not try to fathom that mystery. Rather let us mournfully consider what will happen to our freedom, unless we react!

And then, those very people who resort to closure, who approve of this procedure which had never been seen in a Canadian government, who are undemocratic, go about in the province of Quebec talking about dictatorship, suggesting that a certain administration is a threat to responsible government for which Papineau and Mackenzie have fought! Is it not the very statement made the other day in Montreal by the hon. Secretary of State (Mr. Pinard)?

Mr. Pinard: I was perfectly right in saying so, and you know it.

Mr. Boisvert: Talk about the pipe line!

Mr. Dufresne: It is clear that the Liberal party wants—

An hon. Member: Progress.

Mr. Dufresne: It seeks to grasp all governments, federal and provincial, to satisfy its thirst for power, to enslave us and to deprive the Canadian people of what is left of its national pride.

I have here, Mr. Chairman, a very edifying photograph. It was reproduced in *Le Devoir* and shows the provincial Liberal leader in the province of Quebec, the hon. Minister of Transport (Mr. Marler) and the hon. Secretary of State (Mr. Pinard)—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!