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as my district is concerned, I can tell him where they came from. They came in large part as a result of my suggestion, when I was out there before the minister arrived, that every individual and every organization send a telegram to the minister. Boards of trade and junior chambers of commerce accepted my suggestion and they have been working on it for a week or ten days. That is the main reason for the 115 telegrams.

**Mr. Goode:** On the point of order, the hon. member for Kamloops will remember saying in the house that he discussed this whole problem with certain executives of this gas line company.

**Mr. Fulton:** No.

**Mr. Green:** What are you trying to insinuate now?

**Mr. Cruickshank:** If the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond can sit in the front row I am coming down there too.

**Mr. Howe:** I am trying to expose this Canada first proposition.

**Mr. Green:** You should tell why you are America first.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Just a minute, Mr. Chairman. I think that is unfair—

**Mr. Howe:** Sit down. I am talking. The hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra is an extraordinary citizen. He goes around the parliament buildings with a smirk on his face, a bible in his hand and a stiletto up his sleeve. He is ready to pat a man on the head or stab him in the back as it suits his political purpose at the moment.

**Mr. Green:** Are you going to challenge me to a duel too?

**Mr. Howe:** He referred to the fact that I was an American.

**Mr. Green:** I did not. I said why are you for America first.

**Mr. Howe:** If I have not demonstrated my Canadianism over the past forty years that I have been a Canadian then perhaps I am not for Canada first. I think some people know what they are doing about this filibuster, and I am afraid that some others do not.

**Mr. Drew:** We know what you are doing.

**Mr. Howe:** I was disturbed by what the hon. member for Vancouver East had to say. I have known him for fifteen years, and I have never heard him advocate a policy that he did not believe in thoroughly. I believe that he thinks the question of Canada first is a great issue, but I will give you an exact parallel of what it is. Suppose that the parliament of Canada passed a law that no

[Mr. Fulton.]

contractor could build a public building in the city of Ottawa unless he had a dominion incorporation. The bill is passed and a company comes forward and secures its dominion incorporation. Then another contractor comes forward, and by this time of course the first man is in a wonderful position. He has a monopoly on the work in the city of Ottawa, and he gets a few friends in parliament to block the bill. They would not block it by saying that they thought the first man should have the sole rights to construct public buildings in the city of Ottawa. If they consulted the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra I think they would probably use the Canada first issue.

**Mr. Green:** Mr. Chairman, on a point of privilege, there is an innuendo there that I am acting because of representations of the Westcoast Transmission Company. That is an absolute lie, and I ask the minister to withdraw his statement.

**Mr. Howe:** If I have said anything unparliamentary I will be very glad to withdraw it if you will quote the statement, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Green:** I ask for a withdrawal. No hon. member can make statements—

**The Chairman:** I do not think the minister intended to reflect upon the hon. member.

**Mr. Howe:** As I say, the issue would probably appear in this house as a representation that the first contractor would use Quebec granite whereas the other contractors would be likely to use Indiana limestone. Therefore the other contractors should not be given permission to construct public buildings in Ottawa. That is an exact parallel to saying that one man is likely to build his pipe line through Canada while the other two are likely to build theirs through the United States. One statement has just as much to do with the issue before us as the other. The incorporation of these pipe line companies settles no route. Parliament gave that exclusive privilege to the board of transport commissioners.

**Mr. Green:** Oh, no, it didn't.

**Mr. Howe:** Yes, it did. The board of transport commissioners can refuse any pipe line application. It has already refused to hear an application from Westcoast Transmission Company.

**Mr. Green:** Will you refuse permits to these two companies to build through the United States?

**Mr. Howe:** When I have to make that decision I will have before me the proceed-