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is in my mind. We are to have a pipe line which is to convey oil from Edmonton down as far as the city of Regina. I am content to stop there. At the city of Regina there is a co-operative refinery which I expect will want to use oil transported by that pipe line. Unless we have regulation from somebody, I fear that that line may not turn out to be a public carrier at all, and that the co-operative refinery, in which most of us in the province of Saskatchewan are interested, will not be able to get oil from it.

Then I have a fear that, even if it is declared to be a public carrier, it may be operated in such a way as to be a disadvantage to a company other than that which owns the line. My experience of companies is that, if the same company that owns the line owns the refinery, it is only natural that the company which owns the line would perhaps get the better use of it.

The point I want to get at is this. Can we have the assurance that the board of transport commissioners, if that is the body which is to control these things, will look after things like that? Or will the whole thing be in the hands of Imperial Oil or Standard Oil or whatever it is?—and they are all the same. In that event the people of this country will not know anything about it until it is a *fait accompli*, and it will be just another instance of our natural resources going haywire so far as the public of this country is concerned. That is the fear that is in my mind, and I think that I have been specific about it now.

**Mr. Chevrier:** I think I can satisfy the hon. gentleman with regard to his fears. The Pipe Lines Act which was introduced here last year made it mandatory that pipe lines carrying oil shall be common carriers. That is in the act. Not so as to gas companies. If there is any fear that there is discrimination in the public carriage of oil, I think that any party aggrieved can appeal to the board at any time in accordance with the ordinary practice under the Railway Act, because certain provisions of the Railway Act apply in this case.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Is the government not prepared to state that gas and oil will be piped across Canada for the benefit of Canadians before being transshipped to the United States? The reason I am asking that question, Mr. Chairman, through you, is that it is an important issue. I have no brief for any particular company, although I sponsored a bill for a company last year. I am interested in British Columbia and particularly in my own riding. I want to see the interior of British Columbia developed. In the Peace river country we have great natural oil resources; perhaps more than in any other

part of Canada. I hold no brief for any individual company. If the line is an all-Canadian route I do not care what company sponsors it. If the surplus is to be exported to the United States I am in entire agreement with it, and I defy any member of any party in British Columbia to dispute that. We want to develop our great Peace river country, northern British Columbia and northern Alberta. We want an all-Canadian route. I say that this government and this parliament have no right to grant a charter to any company to go down through the United States and then back into Canada with the tail end on the Pacific coast. I ask the members from British Columbia and Alberta to remember that when they vote. We want to develop our natural resources within Canada. I do not agree with any minister, parliamentary assistant or private member from any riding in western Canada who does not vote for that. We want to exploit our own resources. We want to build up the Peace river, northern Alberta and the rest of the provinces. I am speaking for western Canada now.

I do not agree with any company taking our natural gas and oil down to the United States and bringing it back into Canada at a time when we are crying for United States dollars.

**Mr. Thatcher:** It is silly.

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Of course it is silly. I am going to watch how the members from all parties in British Columbia vote on this question when it comes up. I am not going to go into details now. I have all the data here. Last year I sponsored a bill for a certain company which guaranteed to transmit oil and gas over an all-Canadian route, not all down through the states to Seattle and Portland and then bring the surplus into Vancouver. It goes through the centre of my riding and through the centre of the riding represented by the hon. member for Kamloops. It goes down through Yale. I am a good supporter of the government but hon. members do not expect me to stand and vote for this proposed measure because the government has not the courage to say that the natural resources of Canada should be developed for Canada and not for the United States.

**Mr. Gillis:** The hon. member is twenty years too late.

**Mr. Green:** With regard to the proposed gas line to the Pacific coast, just what jurisdiction will the board of transport commissioners have over it? As I understand it, a