

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

Mr. Pallett: They are not to individuals. Those loans are not made to individuals, as this loan is. That is a loan to a public body.

Mr. Winters: No, Mr. Chairman; they are to limited dividend companies.

Mr. Pallett: That is a limited dividend housing corporation loan, a non-profit organization. It is in effect the same as a government organization. Do not mislead the people with an answer like that. It is just another example of an attempt to mislead.

Mr. Brown (Essex West): How was the dinner?

Mr. Winters: He has not read the book.

Mr. Pallett: There is something that I should like to know. This government has not any money for municipalities. Oh, no, it has not any money for Canadians to help educate the people. It will not make money available to the municipalities so that they can keep the education standard at the height it is. Perhaps they feel that money invested in a gas pipe line is more important than money invested in Canadians as a whole. I wonder? The Prime Minister would not even see representatives of the university teachers federation when they came to see him. He refused to see them. This is, of course, a provincial matter.

Mr. Sinclair: Quite right.

Mr. Pallett: The education of Canadians is of no concern to this house; we will not make money available to the provinces so that they can pass it down to the municipalities to educate their children, oh, no.

Mr. Sinclair: The sum of \$450 million a year.

Mr. Pallett: The Prime Minister says, "I will not even see these people when they come to see me". Clint Murchison, that is a different matter. Let us have a couple of answers to some more questions on the pipe line. Is this an economically sound scheme? The minister has not said so. Let us have an answer from the minister. Is it economically sound?

Mr. Hodgson: From the Prime Minister.

Mr. Pallett: Or from the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister does not deign to speak. If it is an economically sound scheme, let us be told. Let us know what we are getting into. There is a very strong suspicion that the reason the interest rate is 5 per cent is that there are 5 percenters working in Ottawa as well as in Washington. Let us have the answers to some of these questions. If the Prime Minister is doubtful about what the Canadian people think about this scheme,

why does he not accept what he said previously and just go to the country on this matter. If it is such a good scheme and we think it is such a bad scheme let the jury of this country decide it.

Mr. Hollingworth: Mr. Chairman, I should like to participate briefly in this debate. I think the whole crux of the matter is time. Time is definitely of the essence. I congratulate the Minister of Trade and Commerce on putting his finger so succinctly on this point. To turn a Shavian phrase, those who can, do; those who cannot, talk. The minister belongs to the first category. Let not hon. members opposite forget that the hand at the throttle of this buoyant, bursting Canadian economy in the last 20 years has been that of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. His detractors should hang their heads in shame.

Mr. Chairman, I am a representative from the province of Ontario. No less a person than the provincial treasurer, the Hon. Dana Porter, when speaking in the Ontario legislature on Tuesday, February 21, had this to say:

It is not only desirable, but is an absolute necessity that every possible provision be made for access to the people of this province to an abundant supply of natural gas.

Hon. members know that industry is expanding rapidly throughout the country, probably in no place more than in the province of Ontario. We need gas, Mr. Chairman. The provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba need natural gas and the minister and this government are determined that the people of Canada shall have natural gas and have it now.

Mr. Castleden: Parliament or not.

Mr. Hollingworth: Hon. members have heard the Minister of Trade and Commerce say that Trans-Canada is the only possible vehicle to give it. This company gambled and took an option on pipe last fall, \$40 million worth of it, and have an option until the end of this construction year. If this option is not exercised the requisite steel will not be forthcoming for a couple of years. It is all right for the hon. member for Peel to talk and say that we have steel pipe in Canada, but he did not substantiate his charges. As a matter of fact, I understand that there is one company in Canada which will be manufacturing 30-inch steel pipe by the end of 1957. But it will be a 30-inch steel pipe and not the 34-inch steel pipe required for the western section of the pipe line. Furthermore, it appears that Trans-Canada have the necessary government permits from