

*Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation*

suggested that he did not believe in the Ontario hydro because it cost too much to administer.

I conclude with these remarks, Mr. Chairman. I happen to be on the Liberal side. I was elected as a Liberal in 1953. I am going to say that even if the riding I represent today was represented by a Conservative on the other side of the house, instead of one Tory member bolting his party there would be two, because any Conservative who represented a riding in the north would not dare oppose such a necessary measure.

**Mr. Stanton:** Mr. Chairman, it has been intimidated by many hon. members both in the house and throughout Canada that the Conservative party is opposed to the trans-Canada pipe line. Nothing could be further from the truth. I repeat, nothing could be further from the truth.

I tell my hon. friends on the government side of the house that we have not been stalling them; they have been stalling themselves. They have sought to put through the house in three weeks' time what they should have done in the last three years. They have been trying to cram this bill down our throats, to run it through the house within three weeks' time.

It is now five years since Trans-Canada Pipe Lines got their franchise to build the line across Canada, and what have they done? The government have been playing around with this company in a way worse than one would expect from a knock-kneed old man.

We have been told here in the house that we are to be blamed for obstructing the passage of this bill. That is not the case; we have not been obstructing the passage of this bill. I can tell my hon. friends on the government side of the house that if the Leader of the Opposition had been the prime minister of Canada five years ago with his Conservative following he would not have played around with Trans-Canada Pipe Lines. He would have insisted they get down to work and I am sure the western section of the line would have been completed by this time and he would be ready to go on laying the line across the province of Ontario to its destination at Montreal. He is a man who is willing, ready and insistent about getting jobs done.

My mind goes back to the time he was premier of Ontario, at which time he insisted that United States pulpwood industrialists build their mills in Ontario. At first there were delegations coming down from northern Ontario insisting that the export embargo should not be put on pulpwood because it would mean that many men would be

deprived of work. What happened? The embargo was put on and that industry came up from the United States and established mills in Canada. At the present time that industry is supplying work for many thousands who are engaged in the manufacture and processing of printing products.

As I said, we are not opposed to the trans-Canada pipe line but we are opposed to the contents of this bill. Why? First, Trans-Canada came to the government and told them, "You must build the line across northern Ontario from the Manitoba border to Kapuskasing". We know at that time many of the government supporters were opposed to that project. But apparently the Minister of Trade and Commerce overruled them and said, "There it is, you must take it," and like the sweet little boys they are they took it.

Then Trans-Canada came back this winter and informed the government that they would have to finance the line across the prairie provinces. The government swallowed that too, hook, line and sinker. What will happen when the line is built to Winnipeg? There are about 110 miles between there and the Ontario border. The company will come back and tell the government—this company with its millions of dollars—that the government must put up the money. The government will be told they must furnish the money for that 110-mile stretch of the line and the government will do it because they do everything Trans-Canada tells them to do. These rich oil magnates appear to have a way of wrapping our government around their little fingers. The government toes the line, just as private members of the Liberal party toe the line at the crack of the Liberal whip.

We have been told that Canadians cannot finance this line. How do we know? The government has never given Canadians an opportunity to finance it. I am sure if Canadians were given half the chance that is given to the rich oil magnates to the south they would put that line across Canada just as is being done in British Columbia where a line is being built without any government assistance whatever.

What about the question of raising money? Canadians surely have the money. Canadians have raised millions for housing. This government can extract money from Canadians in the form of taxation in the sum of approximately \$5 billion. If Canadians were given a chance and were treated decently I am sure the pipe line could be built without government assistance.

Some hon. members have asked what opposition members will say when they go back to their home constituencies. I would like to