

not possible or perhaps even desirable in serving the public interest. This could be the case with a pipeline from western Canada to eastern markets and was the case with our railroads. I think that cost-benefit analysis or economic studies in those days might not have shown much prospect of profitability. But such enterprises can serve as a vital lifeline, almost an umbilical cord, in the total rationale and cohesive development of our nation. I am sure that this question of a pipeline from western Canada to eastern markets will come up, and it has been suggested that if it is economically feasible private enterprise will construct it. There might be some validity to the suggestion that it is a worthwhile undertaking, although it is not yet economically feasible. Such a pipeline might be very important as an "ace in the hole" for Canada in international negotiations, even if no oil is presently flowing through it.

It is also suggested that with such a pipeline consumers in the eastern market would have to pay a cent or a half cent more per gallon for oil in order to support our western oil industry. Mr. Speaker, I suggest that the people in western Canada for many years have been paying a cent per item or per gallon more than the price of the equivalent product elsewhere simply because they are part of Canada and are protecting eastern manufacturers. I do not think it is too much to expect that some time this situation should be reversed. It would do a lot to bind the country together to give us cohesion, and to give us greater development. However, at the moment this is not a consideration because our oil producers cannot produce enough oil to fill the pipelines we have—

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): What is that?

Mr. Danson: I understand that at the present time, with the reserves available in western Canada and the opening of the American market, we need more pipelines to take the oil out. In fact, the producers in the west cannot start into the American markets that exist at the present time. I should add that this situation relates largely to the area of feeder lines, which is the paramount problem at the present time. My facts may be wrong on this, but this is what some oil people told me the other day. Perhaps they go to a different gas station.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): The parliamentary secretary goes to gas stations to find that kind of tripe.

Mr. Saltsman: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is the hon. member for Waterloo rising for the purpose of asking a question? If so, is the parliamentary secretary prepared to receive a question?

Mr. Danson: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, but I wish that the hon. gentleman would save his question until I have finished. I hope I will have enough time at the end of my remarks, and I will be delighted to deal with it then. In fact, I hope he will stay for the rest of my speech.

Mr. Saltsman: Mr. Speaker—

Canada Development Corporation

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. Saltsman: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I am sure the parliamentary secretary will want to correct the record regarding the oil pipeline which is running somewhat empty because the United States is not taking our oil.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I should correct the hon. member's suggestion that this is a point of order. Perhaps it might be a debating point, and the hon. member may wish to raise it with the parliamentary secretary after he has completed his contribution.

Mr. Danson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for pouring oil on troubled waters.

Mr. Saltsman: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Danson: To return—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I apologize to the parliamentary secretary. The hon. member for Waterloo seeks the floor on a second point of order.

Mr. Saltsman: If it meets with your approval, Mr. Speaker, I would hope the parliamentary secretary would correct the impression he left about the NDP members in the House of Commons. We are both here to hear his remarks.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is hardly a point of order.

Mr. Danson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is certainly nice to see the small rump of the NDP come back into the House when they heard I was speaking.

I should like to return to the question of entrepreneurial and managerial skills which in my opinion are critical to our future development. We Canadians are noted more for our diligence than for our imagination or daring. Perhaps this is due to the fact that we have been able to live and prosper safely and comfortably by leaning on the skills and capital of others. This applies to our economy. It also applies to defence matters as well, and we cannot afford to be too self-righteous about these things.

I am not certain how you develop entrepreneurship. It is largely the result of intuition, competitive experience and many other factors—

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): And the existence of the opportunity.

Mr. Danson: Taking advantage of the opportunity I guess is entrepreneurship, and seeking the opportunity. But I am confident that entrepreneurship can be encouraged by the CDC which can give Canadian initiative a fighting chance it did not previously enjoy in the face of the juggernaut of massive, multinational corporations, or simply of the branch plant or office having the massive resources of a home office which developed in a market of over 200 million people to the south of us.

Managerial skills, however are a very different matter and one which has received all too little attention in this