

*Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation*

maligned and more misrepresented than the Leader of the Opposition it is—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Rowe:** You cheap propagandists have gone out and misrepresented him and said he was not in favour of developing our resources when our party brought more United States capital into Canada than your party has ever done. It was the Canada first policy of R. B. Bennett in 1930 that brought plants from England and the United States to this country. My little friend from Manitoba does not understand, as he has not been here long enough. That is what has happened down through the days of Macdonald, Borden, Bennett, and now—

**An hon. Member:** Drew.

**Mr. Rowe:** Drew in the province of Ontario. You gentlemen laugh but you do not understand it. I know the young hon. member has not been in the house long enough but he applauds when he does not know what he is applauding about. That capital was brought to the province of Ontario, some of it to his own district. The Leader of the Opposition encouraged \$200 million of United States capital to come in here by his policy of development, not for Americans but for Canadians.

I am not disturbed by the empty laughs of those who know no better; I am not disturbed by the gibes of the backbenchers who have made a custom of it. Those are the facts that history has recorded.

**Mr. Benidickson:** Where did the dividends go?

**Mr. Rowe:** They did not go to the United States of America as they are going to do in this instance.

**An hon. Member:** That is strike two for you, Benidickson.

**Mr. Rowe:** We are told that this is another declaration of Canadian independence. Oh, dear, surely that should have been corrected in *Hansard*. Why did not the Minister of Agriculture correct that and call it Canadian interdependence?

**Mr. Gardiner:** I was not the Leader of the Opposition.

**Mr. Rowe:** The government has now presented in a hasty, reckless, haphazard form a resolution which has been hidden for four months by a government which has refused to answer questions. Yesterday we were prohibited from asking questions. Now they bring out a resolution which is dusty and moth-eaten. The hon. member for Vancouver South said it was a moth-eaten horse. I know enough about horses that he has ridden more political horses than anybody in this country.

[Mr. Rowe.]

Now we are told we are to have closure, the guillotine is going to be applied, the axe is to be swung by the Liberal government. Are these the people who bow at the shrine of Laurier? Is that the attitude taken by the Right Hon. Mackenzie King? Where are you now? Those are the men who fought for the supremacy of parliament. They would turn in their graves if they knew what was happening. What would the great Laurier say? What would the great Mackenzie King say? They were great men.

They are no more silent tonight, as they sleep in peace I hope, than the Prime Minister has been since the session started. This is an issue that concerns the rights and hopes of our people, in this country. This country is filled with resources of oil, iron and everything that makes a country great and rich. I urge the Prime Minister to rise and shuffle out from that smug complacency that prompts this government to do nothing about anything. I urge the Prime Minister to speak before one o'clock because he knows the country is interested. These things belong to the people of Canada. If you do not think that we are presenting this in sincerity I ask you to rise and tell us why you are silent. I know you are not afraid to speak; I know you can speak; I know you are not too old to grasp the problem. You may be afraid to go to the country but I know you are not afraid to rise in parliament.

If the Minister of Trade and Commerce is afraid to have an open debate on this and let us talk more than 20 minutes, and if you are afraid to speak, then get the cabinet together and call an election tomorrow and let the people speak. You can gag, as you have done tonight, and guillotine your opposition—

**The Deputy Chairman:** I think I must remind the hon. member that he should address his remarks to the chair.

**Mr. Rowe:** Mr. Chairman, I certainly hope that I have not reflected upon your able chairmanship. The government has gagged the people's representatives in the opposition but they cannot gag the voter at the ballot box. I urge them to trust them. I remember the words of the late Right Hon. Mackenzie King who said that we should trust the people. He said, "We trust the people, we are the champions of the supremacy of parliament." You are afraid to do either. So I urge you now, if you are afraid to debate it in parliament, go to the country. It is a nice time of year. If you are as powerful as you think you are, as you boast here that you are, and as you have been boasting for the last four