

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

supplies of coal and oil, because Trans-Canada Pipe Lines will certainly offer some competition.

I see that my time has almost expired, Mr. Chairman. A few minutes ago I noticed a headline in one of the Ottawa evening papers "Frost is possible on Sunny Week end". I believe that headline refers to the week end weather; but I should like to comment that I believe Premier Frost of Ontario will also have a sunny and cheerful week end because, in spite of the most strenuous opposition by the federal Ontario Tories and our friends of the C.C.F., Premier Frost and the people of Ontario are almost certain to get Alberta natural gas and get it as quickly as this government can bring it to them.

Mr. Castleden: Mr. Chairman, we are at clause 4 of an iniquitous bill which I can only describe as a disgrace to Canada. We had closure forced on this house when the resolution was brought in. In the very speech in which the minister introduced the resolution he announced that closure would take place the next day. That was something that had never occurred before in Canadian history. We had closure announced in this house on second reading. We had closure announced on clause 1, clause 2 and clause 3 of this bill. This house has had no opportunity to debate or discuss these clauses. We have now reached clause 4. This morning at one o'clock a vote will be taken on this bill without further discussion, one hour from now. Without a full opportunity for discussion, whether the opposition has anything to say or not, this bill is to go through. The Canadian parliament never saw anything like this before in the history of Canada, and pray God it never will again.

Mr. Johnston (Bow River): Discuss the bill.

Mr. Castleden: We shall be glad to do that. This bill is the most flagrant sell-out of Canadian interests that Canada ever saw. It is a selling out of our interests to United States oil kings. They have Alberta oil; they have Alberta gas. Now we build a pipe line and practically hand it over to them and give the control of distribution to them as far as the line goes.

This company came to the Canadian parliament in 1951 and gave a solemn commitment to this house and to the committee of this house that this was to be an all-Canadian pipe line, built all in Canada, with 100 per cent Canadian consumption. Was that a promise or was it not? Was it a commitment? Was it a commitment by the member who introduced the bill? Was it a commitment when the bill was introduced and a commitment when the bill was passed?

[Mr. Hanna.]

Then a sudden change took place. Shortly after the big Texas oil kings moved in and got control of the company. We were gold-bricked. This parliament was laughed at. This parliament was tricked, and we sit idly by and accept it. We were tricked.

The first guarantee is that it shall not be all-Canadian consumption, but that 200 million cubic feet per day shall be sent out through Emerson to the American market. That is No. 1. Now these great Texas oil kings in control of this company say, "We are not even going to build the eastern end of the line; we will get the Canadian government to build it"; and we do it. Under this bill the Canadian government builds the portion of the line from Manitoba to Kapuskasing, rents it to the oil company and says, "You have the option to buy it. If you make money on it, if it is profitable, you hang onto it; if it is a dud, we are stuck with it." They are telling the Canadian people that we are stuck with it.

As if that were not enough, now they say, "You lend us the money to build the western part of it". So we get the bill here to lend them the money to build the western part of it. How far does it go? Have these Texas oil kings no money? Are they not taking the risk, or they going to risk Canadian capital?

An hon. Member: The taxpayers' money.

Mr. Castleden: And then we hand it over by this bill to the Trans-Canada Pipe Line company. As if that were not enough, the Minister of Trade and Commerce makes an agreement with these people on May 15 and comes in here with a bill and says, "Get it through parliament by June 7 or else." You have not only tricked Canadians; you have not only sold your Canadian birthright. You have now destroyed Canadian democracy. The scenes we have witnessed in this house in these last two weeks are a sign of what is happening, namely the destruction of the procedure of this house, the violation of these orders by the government, and the destruction of one of the most promising Speakers who ever came to this house. This government has lost the moral right to rule.

When you destroy these standing orders by arbitrarily bulldozing the people of this house by your majority, you destroy the very basis upon which this parliament can govern. Contempt, disgust, bitterness replace what should be proper reason. Parliament cannot function with that type of happening. When this Speaker was told what he should do yesterday; when the action was taken today, and when that Speaker says, "I give this house this proposition", we are being governed by proposition now. There