

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

told his caucus what he was going to do. That seemed to be quite evident today. He had the courage to stand up and support the dictator.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

An hon. Member: Well named.

Mr. McIvor: I congratulate the right hon. minister upon his outline of the plan when he stood up. I do not need to repeat anything because I think it would be difficult for anyone to stand up now and say anything new. I congratulate the minister upon being clear and clean of Mr. McMahan. If I were forced to do so I could give my personal reasons for saying that, but they are not money reasons.

Another thing that I got up to say tonight is that a while ago we heard the opposition criticizing the government for not having work for the unemployed. Now this plan will give employment for 600. There is a good deal of unemployment in Vancouver and in Toronto and other places. Surely that is a good argument for going ahead with this plan.

Mr. Macdonnell: I think the Minister of Labour would be able to contradict that.

Mr. McIvor: I think the Minister of Labour, when he speaks, will speak honestly and tell me very decidedly what he knows. But it will take about 600 men who will be employed in the work of this pipe laying. I shall repeat the report that I have that there are a good many unemployed in Vancouver and in Toronto. Why not get those men employed, instead of keeping them on relief? The minister who spoke said that northern Ontario will need gas. He knows and I know that northern Ontario is going ahead, and it will certainly need gas. I congratulate the minister on having the backbone to stand by his policy of putting this national gas line all across Canada. I just wish him good success and sweet sleep at night.

Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North): Mr. Chairman, I want to discuss some aspects of this Colombo plan for Texas tycoons. The first thing I should like to know is, what is the government afraid of? Why does it have to shut off the debate? What is it trying to hide?

An hon. Member: Nothing.

Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North): If you are not hiding anything, why are you afraid to send this to a committee of the house where the whole matter could be investigated? What sort of skullduggery is there that you are afraid to discuss? That is an interesting question, and I should like to ask the Prime Minister, "Why not, if there is nothing to hide,

[Mr. McIvor.]

present this legislation to a committee of the house for investigation?" There is no answer, naturally. I challenge him to do it. There is still no answer, because the real Prime Minister, as a matter of fact, has left the house.

Mr. Dickey: You do not like action.

Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North): I have heard the ministerial assistant pop up like a gopher time after time. It is possible that his interruptions may have been intelligent, but it is doubtful. If he is under the illusion that he is a wit, I can assure him he is only 50 per cent correct. As I was saying before I was interrupted, I do not like venality but I can understand it. I might even have some appreciation for venality on a massive scale but what I cannot appreciate is stupidity, and this legislation which is going to come before us and which is forecast in this resolution is unmitigated, undiluted and unadulterated stupidity.

Of course, this legislation is also the love child of the minister, spawned in the most dubious areas, spawned in an area of fiction and fantasy, in a dream world or, to put it in Anglo Saxon, an area of lies. I rather think that, if Baron Munchausen were to come to earth, (a) the minister would clasp him to his bosom and (b) he would make him deputy minister in charge of pipe lines, because this whole story has been marked clearly by lie after lie. I intend to put some of them on the record right now. This is from the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines which sat in 1951. As recorded on page 8 of the proceedings, Mr. Tolmie, counsel for these pipe lines, said:

The project, Mr. Chairman, as all members probably know by now, is to build a gas pipe line from Alberta east as far as Montreal, and with the possibility and the hope that it can be extended further east from Montreal at a later stage when the capacity is fully utilized.

You will note that it is an all-Canadian pipe line, with no suggestion of exports to the United States. Then let us take the evidence of Mr. Frank Schultz, the vice-president of Canadian Delhi Oil Limited, on page 11:

You may be interested to know about the marketing situation. We are satisfied at this stage that adequate markets exist in the eastern part of Canada to consume all the gas that we can produce and move through this line.

There is no question of a line to the south. It is an all-Canadian project. On page 15 the same man again said:

Our only interest is bringing Alberta gas to the eastern part of Canada.

They were not interested in making money; they were not interested in having a pipe line to the United States. They just wanted to