

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

Mr. Boisvert: The point of order is decided by the chairman.

Mr. Dufresne: Mr. Chairman, will I be allowed to answer the point of order that was raised by my hon. friend from Nicolet-Yamaska? I think it is the right of an hon. member—

An hon. Member: No point of order.

Mr. Dufresne: I am just trying to contradict—and I have succeeded in contradicting—the Liberals who are sitting right now in this House of Commons.

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Brown, Essex West): Order.

Mr. Dufresne: I am just telling the people of Canada at this moment that they say one thing in this House of Commons and, when they are back in the province of Quebec, they say exactly the contrary to what they say here. It is about time that we had one policy throughout Canada from this party.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

An hon. Member: It is about time you had a policy.

(Translation):

Mr. Dufresne: That is why, Mr. Chairman, I hasten to tell my hon. friends opposite that it is high time they tuned up their fiddles, because they are making themselves increasingly ridiculous in the eyes of the public.

Mr. Chairman, the people of this country now realize only too well that the sole aim of the members of the Liberal party is to get into power and hang on to it, and nothing else. Little do they care about the welfare and prosperity of the people of Quebec or the whole people of this country. Somehow the Liberals of today remind us of the Hitlerian hordes, during the last war, who thought of themselves as of a superior race, descended from the gods—

Mr. Dupuis: That was Mr. Bennett's statement.

Mr. Dufresne: Well, he was talking sense, and my hon. friend from St. Mary might attempt to do as much.

Mr. Dupuis: Before he went over to England.

Mr. Dufresne: Mr. Chairman, we are not opposed to the building of a pipe line. However, we demand that the representatives of the people, wherever they may sit in this house, be given a full opportunity to discuss

this matter in a free parliament, under a truly democratic system such as we are supposed to have in this country.

In the last analysis, Mr. Chairman, it is proposed here to spend \$80 million of the taxpayers' money. No doubt the right hon. Prime Minister will say that a million dollars is "peanuts", that such a sum represents perhaps one pound of "peanuts". However, we must admit that the taxpayer has to foot the bill; it is he who has worked to produce these millions levied as taxes by the government.

However, Mr. Chairman, we are in favour of private enterprise. Now, hon. members opposite will say that this is truly private enterprise but, in my opinion, it is irresponsible private enterprise. I am convinced that, on the 1st of April next, the government will again ask parliament to extend the powers which it now proposes to give to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited.

Mr. Chairman, what are the methods used to reach these objectives? It has been pointed out time and again that, even before the motion of first reading was adopted, the government applied closure. The representatives of the people, and therefore the people themselves, are being deprived of the right and privilege of expressing their views on the matter, a right and a privilege recognized in any democratic parliament or constitution. Moreover, what has happened in this house in the last week or so has seriously and considerably impaired the Canadian parliament. We had never seen a bill so undemocratic. The government invites a foreign company to come to Canada and tells them: "You are going to tell Canadians what they should do. You are going to tell the taxpayers, with unprecedented impudence: Whether you like it or not, we are going to lay our hands on 80 millions of your money," money earned through hard work, owing to the conspiracy of the government and, incidentally, through the influence of the right hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe). The most objectionable means in a democratic parliament are now being used and imposed in order to block any discussion on this matter. And so those sharks will say to us: "Whether you like it or not, we will become multi-millionaires with the money of the Canadian people", that money as I say, which they earned through hard work.

Well, Mr. Chairman, let me define in my