

Alberta Natural Gas Company

house has acted, under instructions from the United States. We represent Canadian citizens, and I demand an immediate retraction.

Mr. Howe: I made no such statement. I made a suggestion as to where the technique of filibuster came from. If my hon. friend says there was no suggestion of a filibuster he could not have been in the house. The question I asked was this. "What American pipe line company is interested in the West-coast Transmission Company?" I got the answer and I checked it. I got it from people who know and I checked it with people who know. The answer is it is the Sunray Oil Company of Delaware. Then I looked up Standard and Poore to see how the Sunray Oil Company of Delaware is constituted. I found that Sunray is a company which builds and operates pipe lines. The company has working capital amounting to \$26 million. The Standard and Poore report shows that in 1948 Sunray made a heavy investment in Canada, including purchase of something over 20 per cent of Pacific Petroleum Company. I had always understood that Pacific Petroleum Company owned the pipe line, and I believe this company still has a substantial interest in West-coast Transmission Company. I looked up Pacific Petroleum Company and I found that control of that company has moved to the United States, and that within the next month the stock will be listed on the New York curb exchange. That is interesting information. I do not think anyone has ever told this house that the battle being fought here is the battle on behalf of a United States pipe line company.

I may say that the report indicates that Sunray Oil Company is a very reliable company. They are good operators, but I did not read anywhere in the report that Sunray follows the principle of Canada first. I looked for it but it was not there. There is nothing in their charter that says they are going to build along any particular route. As a matter of fact it is not a charter; it is simply an incorporation. The matter of routes has been brought in as a red herring to cover up the effort to shut off competition for this United States pipe line company.

Mr. Green: That is rubbish.

Mr. Howe: Statements have been made in this house—

Mr. Smith (Calgary West): Totally untrue and you know it better than anyone.

Mr. Howe:—that this company is going to build through the Yellowhead pass. I have asked one or two speakers what their

authority was for that statement and they have never given it. They all deny any association with the company. They are not solicitors for the company. They do not say on what authority they speak for the company. They simply say this company is going to build through the Yellowhead pass. No proper survey has been made of the Yellowhead pass.

Mr. Green: Yes, there has. They have made an application to go through the Yellowhead pass and there has been a great deal of evidence.

Mr. Howe: They made applications at the same time for two other routes.

Mr. Green: They have been withdrawn.

Mr. Howe: That is true, but suppose they decide later after a detailed survey that it is not feasible to build through the Yellowhead pass. What are they going to do then? Are they going to quit and fold up?

Mr. Green: You can stop them by not giving them a permit.

Mr. Howe: Certainly I can stop them. I can stop them all.

Mr. Cruickshank: No, you cannot. You are not running Canada yet.

Mr. Howe: I know, but I am running the Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act, and that is a pretty effective piece of legislation. Anyway, I suggest that this house might have a little more accurate information about the Westcoast Transmission Company and the battle that is being fought on their behalf.

Mr. Green: It is not. That is a falsehood.

Mr. Graydon: It is a slander on Jimmy Sinclair.

Mr. Green: This battle is being waged because we are trying to look after the interests of Canada and you are not.

Mr. Howe: Who put up the \$500 to sponsor these telegrams?

Mr. Cruickshank: On a point of order

Mr. Howe: Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Cruickshank: Even the minister cannot overrule me on a point of order. I and my people belonged to the Liberal party long before the minister ever saw Canada, and I am not going to have anybody tell me that I am being dictated to by the Westcoast Transmission Company. To the best of my ability I am working in the interests of my province.

Mr. Fulton: Will the minister permit me to ask a question? He asked if we could tell him where the telegrams came from. So far