

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

Mr. Gardiner: The longer you speak the fewer people will be able to speak.

Mr. Drew: I am sure the Minister of Trade and Commerce will be able to persuade the Prime Minister to withdraw the guillotine and permit continued debate on this very proper motion now before the house.

Mr. Hees: They do not talk much.

Mr. Drew: In any event, there is going to be the opportunity tomorrow before the guillotine falls for those who wish to do so to express their opinions and I, of course, am counting on hearing from the Prime Minister at that time. I would not for a moment follow a course that was going to deprive us of that opportunity.

Mr. Gardiner: That is what you were just threatening to do, waste time.

Mr. Drew: No, Mr. Chairman. As reluctant as I am to do so, I cannot help noticing the remarks of the Minister of Agriculture that I am trying to stop debate. Who introduced the closure motion? I think he must have been dreaming.

Mr. Gardiner: You did it last Thursday.

Mr. Hees: He was not in the house.

Mr. Gardiner: Yes, I voted on all those occasions.

Mr. Fulton: Back in 1917.

Mr. Drew: There was no closure motion, and there was and is a full opportunity for every member of the government to have his say in an orderly debate in regard to this subject.

Mr. Rowe: Not now.

Mr. Drew: And I certainly would hope that the Minister of Agriculture would avail himself of the time that may present itself this evening to persuade the Minister of Trade and Commerce to permit him to tell us just why he was so keen on this strange new device.

Mr. Gardiner: I will tell you a lot of other things if I get up.

Mr. Drew: Well, Mr. Chairman, every one of us knows the minister would talk about a lot of other things, because he never talks about the thing that is on the order paper when he does get up.

Mr. Pickersgill: This is certainly an example of the pot calling the kettle black.

Mr. Gardiner: I usually keep in order, in any event.

Mr. Rowe: You keep in order but you do not get in order.

[Mr. Drew.]

Mr. Drew: We will let *Hansard* speak as to that. What would be interesting, though, would be to hear the Minister of Agriculture get up and explain exactly why he thinks the government should transfer funds that were to be allocated to a crown corporation set up for the purpose of building a northern Ontario pipe line—

Mr. Gardiner: You tell us why it shouldn't; you have the floor.

Mr. Drew: —to the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines for the construction of the western segment of that line. I would like the Minister of Agriculture to get up and explain how he reconciles that with the refusal of this government to spend the money that is necessary on the South Saskatchewan river dam, to give some assistance to his own province. The Minister of Agriculture has been dangling that bait before the people of Saskatchewan for several elections, but he has not been as successful in forcing his ideas through the government as has the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

An hon. Member: He is losing his grip.

Mr. Drew: There are some of us who do not live in Saskatchewan who believe that the South Saskatchewan dam and irrigation project is long overdue.

The Chairman: Order. I am sure the Leader of the Opposition would agree with me that a discussion of the South Saskatchewan dam is not in order under this resolution which has to do with pipe lines, and I would ask him to co-operate with me in that respect.

Mr. Drew: Oh, Mr. Chairman, it might easily be very important, because if the Minister of Agriculture were as successful in persuading the government as the Minister of Trade and Commerce has been, who knows but that the power developed by the South Saskatchewan dam might be used for some of the operations of the pipe line that will be passing through Saskatchewan? Oh, no; it is quite possible that the two might be complementary.

In any event, we have on the one hand the mad haste of this government to end the debate even before it has started—

An hon. Member: You call this a debate?

Mr. Drew: —and to deny to the people of the minister's own province consideration by the government in regard to something which the people of that province feel is just as important as this venture that is now being undertaken. I am glad the Minister of Agriculture has shown this interest, and I hope there will be an opportunity to hear from