

**Mr. Rowe:** Oh, your little voice does not bother me one bit.

**Mr. Gauthier (Portneuf):** But you do not answer.

**Mr. Rowe:** The Minister of Trade and Commerce says this is the greatest project we have had in the last generation. Why is it now brought before us in a mixture of haste, fear, uncertainty and secrecy? Why is this government so afraid of the facts? The minister tells us the facts in a trembling and almost apologetic voice, hoping he has told us enough and not too much so that even his children will not be ashamed of it. Why should these gentlemen be afraid of the facts? Why should they be afraid of parliament? Why should they be so afraid of discussion? Why are they so afraid of opposition? Why are they so afraid of going to the country? You have been bound to your desks for three years. Go out on the green and see what the people think about you. Read the *Toronto Star*. Read the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Read the *Globe and Mail*.

**Mr. Rowe:** Mr. Chairman, when I heard these gentlemen talking tonight I could not help but think what a great thing it was that we still had freedom of the press, because there is little freedom left in this parliament. Never have I seen the rights and privileges of individual members of parliament so blunted. This Friday will long be a black Friday in the history of parliamentary freedom in Canada. You people were so buoyant in time of critical depression when men and women were suffering. Who is suffering now for want of gas in Ontario? Who is starving for your gas? Who is starving for it now?

**An hon. Member:** Ask Premier Frost.

**Some hon. Members:** Tell us about Frost.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Tell us about Frost. Tell us about your premier.

**Mr. Rowe:** You pipsqueaks sound like men on a frosty morning. You have hoarse voices. I cannot tell what you say. Who is suffering but you gentlemen, you great philanthropists, you great advocates of human rights, you great sympathizers with the babies and the aged? In 1932—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Rowe:** Oh, you boys who pound your desks the most were not even here then. You were not even thought of, but your cohorts in those days said that they would not give a five-cent piece to any Tory province in Canada. You would not give a five-cent piece; and when we tried to do something you opposed it so long that we had to put in a form of closure after the first clause had

*Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation* been dealt with for 21 days, an entirely different situation from tonight. Do not let anyone tell you otherwise. It is just like your misrepresentation of the Leader of the Opposition in this debate. You talk about him not being for the development of Canada. Who developed northern Ontario more than the Leader of the Opposition?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Rowe:** You say we are not in favour of the development of this country, whether it is the gas line, the C.P.R. or anything else. Why, you young pipsqueaks, your grandfathers voted against the building of the C.P.R. and tried to hamper it by building another line to run parallel with it. It was Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald who formed the national policies that brought about the beginning of industrial development in Canada. It was the Leader of the Opposition who put \$200 million into the development of northern Ontario. You men who laugh should laugh less and read more.

**Mr. Sinclair:** Who gave us the blackouts, the brownouts and the power shortages? George Drew.

**Mr. Rowe:** You are a long way from being right. It was Hon. Mitchell Hepburn who was responsible for the shortages that brought about the blackouts. You do not know what you are talking about, coming from Vancouver. This picture is a sad picture for this house when we see the steamroller we have at the present time. Tonight the hon. member for Charlotte and the hon. member for Trinity both complimented the government on its steamroller tactics. They said that closure was a good thing, and hoped that it would be used in the future. They criticized the leader of the C.C.F. party, an older parliamentarian. I differ with him in politics, but he is a much finer parliamentarian than anybody I see across there. When he says this is an abomination you backbenchers laugh at him because you do not understand what he is talking about.

Yes, it is passing strange that this great project could be brought in hidden in secrecy, so carefully beclouded, so clumsily befuddled, so cautiously brought in, so hastily brought to the fore and so carefully planned. Somebody has said that we have talked 21 days. You are 50 per cent wrong in the number of days, but you say that we should have been talking about the pipe line. Your Minister of Trade and Commerce told us that we could not talk about the pipe line.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Rowe:** He put closure on debate; and when we are trying to fight for the rights