

it, but if I believe it is for the benefit of the people I intend to vote for the charter. I have no intention to stop the progress of this man's company or the consumption of gas in Vancouver or Canada.

Thank you very much for your answers, Mr. Dixon.

*By Mr. Murray:*

Q. With respect to the Peace River block, which you pointed out, there are several small gas wells brought in there?—A. There is one very good well, I understand, and two small ones.

Q. It would be reasonable that your Grid would ultimately expand to take in any volume of gas from that area?—A. That does not seem very likely as there is so much gas in Alberta.

Q. Prince Albert gas then would go far marketing towards Prince Rupert? A. I think that would be a logical market going towards Prince Rupert and developing in the region. It is easy going through the pass.

Q. With respect to the gas in the Northwest Territories along the McKenzie River, what ultimate use could be made of that?—A. I think the use in the more or less immediate future would be for the development of mining and that type of industry utilizing the local resources. In the distant future, when all this region which seems likely to become a tremendous gas field, why then you can bring gas almost any distance if you have enough of it. They bring gas from Mexico to New York but there is not enough gas for such projects in Alberta proven at the moment, but I think in the course of time such projects will develop and if that should happen, why the Peace River gas and the north Alberta gas could move to almost any market. But for the moment I think to develop the local part of the country is where that gas will be used locally.

Q. Do you think that the gas at Rouleau could be used at Dawson Creek, for instance, which is quite a large settled area now?—A. Yes, and mineral industries or pulpwood could be developed there if there was any.

Q. A new pulp mill is going in at Edmonton. Would that be an industry that would use much natural gas?—A. Yes, that would use a great deal.

Q. It is a \$14 million industry?—A. Gas is a preferential fuel for paper mills.

Q. Are you aware that drilling is going on in the Fraser River in the Quesnel area?—A. Well, I heard that was going on in that line up there.

Q. What would happen if they brought in a gas field there?—A. Nothing for one gas well but in a gas field it would change things tremendously.

Q. But at the rate these gas wells are being brought in at various places the whole picture might be changed from time to time?—A. It certainly will be. Pictures are changed in the gas industry very frequently.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Noseworthy.

*By Mr. Noseworthy:*

Q. Mr. Chairman, I would like to follow that line of thought. I think Mr. Dixon said yesterday or this morning that the construction of a pipe line had no appreciable effect on industrial development.—A. It mostly aids in the development of industries already started or in a place where the industry would be anyway, but I have never in my experience seen a gas company come just because there was gas excepting for its economical use.

Q. Could you say in the light of the natural resources we have in western Canada, minerals, timber, coal, that a pipe line through Canadian territory would be more advantageous to Canada than one going through the United States, or not, in the light of those natural resources that are available?—A. I think it depends. A line going through where there is no immediate prospect of any known development, I do not think that would affect it. If the line is going where there is possible development, I think it would affect it.