

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

are so vigorously opposing the bill, will tell their people by the time the next election rolls around and they have the benefit of natural gas.

A few days ago the Leader of the Opposition quoted the *Calgary Herald* as being opposed to Bill No. 298. I should like to quote an extract to him from another great American newspaper—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hanna: Alberta newspaper.

Mr. Rea: You were right the first time.

Mr. Hanna: I refer to the *Edmonton Journal* of May 17.

Mr. Ellis: Soul-mates, at any rate.

Mr. Hanna: It has this to say:

This open breach between the Progressive Conservatives and their own gas and oil expert is bound to weaken the opposition's case on the pipe line issue. It will strengthen the widespread suspicion that the Progressive Conservatives, and the C.C.F. too, are more concerned with playing on nationalism and latent anti-Americanism for political purposes than they are with the efficient utilization of Canada's natural gas resources. Indeed, amid all the din in Ottawa these days one can discern echoes of that old war cry of half a century ago: "No truck or trade with the Yankees!"

The gentlemen of the Kremlin are no doubt taking considerable warm comfort from the anti-American campaign that is being waged in this parliament by the members of the co-operative conservative federation sitting in the rows opposite.

An hon. Member: What about the Liberal-socreds?

Mr. Hanna: In my view these gentlemen are doing serious injury to Canada by their emotional anti-American campaign. They have challenged us to an election. I believe it is lucky for them that the Prime Minister announced a few days ago that there will be no election at the present time. If our Tory friends are realistic at all they must surely recognize that Canada is expanding under a Liberal government today at a much faster pace than Canadian capital is either able or willing to keep up with. Canadians are either unable or unwilling to supply the risk capital that our orderly development demands at the present time, and had it not been for the capital we have received from the United States in the past ten years we would not have enjoyed the spectacular development throughout Canada today of which we are all so rightly proud. Is there anyone here, I wonder, who would like to see less development in Canada just because a good deal of United States capital is involved?

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Mr. Hanna: On the contrary, Mr. Chairman, I am sure that most Canadians realize that Canada has been enriched by the free admission, even the encouragement, of capital and private enterprise not only from the United States but from other countries. Such foreign capital has been very much to our advantage, just as the admission to Canada of skilled immigrants from various foreign countries has been to our advantage. Such people and the capital they have brought with them have contributed and are contributing immensely to our rapid industrialization. They have added strength and stability to our whole economy. Canada needs both more people and more money if our standard of living is to be kept continually on the upgrade, and I believe that the people of Canada have confidence in the government which has given us such a rapidly and steadily increasing standard of living.

A good deal of nonsense has been put on the record about Canadians having to pay more for gas that will come through the pipe line than will Americans on the other side of the border. Here again I am sorry to say that the opposition has resorted to distortion of the facts. They have confused what are generally called wholesale prices with retail or consumer prices.

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Mr. Hanna: For example, they seek to prove that the gas export price at Emerson, Manitoba, is less than the price that will have to be paid by Winnipeg consumers. Purposely or otherwise they overlook the fact that once the Americans buy the gas at Emerson they have to pipe it hundreds of miles and then distribute it to the various consumers in different cities in the midwestern United States. The opposition simply either do not understand the facts of gas distribution or they are purposely trying to confuse the issue in the public mind.

As for Canadian consumers, Mr. Chairman, from the talk of the opposition you would think the people in eastern Canada were going to be compelled to buy gas that comes through this pipe line. Of course nothing of the kind will happen. This western gas that will come through the trans-Canada pipe line will have to be competitive in price with other fuels that are being used here in eastern Canada. No one will have to take it if he can find and is using a better and cheaper alternative. I go further than that, Mr. Chairman, and suggest that this additional competitive fuel from western Canada being introduced into the markets of Ontario and Quebec will have a very beneficial effect on the prices that consumers are obliged to pay for their present