

*The Address—Mr. Coldwell*

Liberal government. Whose pet is it today? The pet of the Conservative party? Apparently they are going through with the deal that they described as fantastic, rotten and every other adjective that could be used against it. We used them too in speaking against that proposal when the bill was before the house. What are they going to do about it now?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** They have joined the Texas buccaneers.

**Mr. Coldwell:** The Liberal government forced through the proposal over the opposition of this group and of the Conservative party, and I want to say to my hon. friends of the Liberal party that I believe that more than anything else the pipe line was responsible for the position of the two main parties in the house at the present time. To repeat the words of Mr. Drew, "there is only one thing to do", and that is to bring the whole line under public ownership. It is inconceivable to me, therefore, that the Conservative party in power could consider supporting or maintaining the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation Act and not move an amendment to it in precisely the same form that they suggested should be done on June 4, 1956. Let them amend the statute according to their own suggestion of June 4, 1956.

What was the position of the present Prime Minister at that time on the Conservative amendment that I have read into the record? I see that on June 5, 1956—and I have *Hansard* here; it is to be found at page 4763—he voted in favour of it. I see too that the present Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Churchill) also cast his vote for this policy, as did the present Secretary of State (Mrs. Fairclough), the present Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming), the present Minister of Justice (Mr. Fulton), the Minister of Transport (Mr. Hees), the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Nowlan), the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Parkes), the Minister of Labour (Mr. Starr) and so on. I cannot see how these hon. gentlemen can tolerate for one moment the carrying on in 1957 of a Liberal policy that they so thoroughly denounced in the house in 1956.

The people of Canada surely expect that the Conservative government will carry out the policy that the Conservative opposition recommended just a little over one year ago. The reference of this particular matter to the royal commission may be at the moment so far as the government is concerned a useful way of dealing with it temporarily but I say it is a complete abdication of the government's responsibility. I fear that this indicates that the Conservative party has changed its mind and that it is using this method of postponing until some future date when the line is built and when it can announce to the public with more safety the reversal of the position it took a year ago.

So, as I said, while I welcome the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the use of our resources, including oil and gas, I deplore the fact that it appears that some important steps are being postponed in such a way as to arouse the gravest suspicion about the government's attitude. There is other government action that should not be postponed until the report of the royal commission. I am thinking now of government action to prevent promoters of pipe line companies from making millions at the expense of the public. They are raiding the purses of the public by stock and other manipulations, by getting into their hands stock options for next to nothing, by insiders going out and selling stock to the people, raiding their purses and making millions and millions of dollars. I am thinking of that. It is ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker, and as I want to say something about these raids on the purses of the public of Canada I shall hope to resume tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Coldwell the debate was adjourned.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Chevrier:** May I ask the leader of the government what the business is for tomorrow?

**Mr. Green:** Tomorrow we shall continue with this debate.

At ten o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.