

Mr. SMITH: Let him finish his statement. He says the best thing that could happen would be to find a small field near Seattle?

The WITNESS: Spokane or Seattle, or anywhere near the end of the line. It would be invaluable to everybody because this gas could be stored and peaks could be shaved. There has been some drilling right in the vicinity of Vancouver and I hope they find some gas.

Mr. SMITH: It cost me some money,—I know that.

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Connolly mentioned in his evidence yesterday that if any of these other three intermediate routes were followed gas could be sent through in bond. I would like some explanation of that, and I would point out to you, Mr. Dixon, on your routes C, D, and E, in each case, you show a branch line going off to Spokane—a branch in the States. How on earth you could put gas through any of those routes in bond I cannot understand, but I would be very grateful if you would explain?

The WITNESS: I do not know the technique of bonding a commodity.

Mr. SMITH: Particularly gas.

The WITNESS: It would be a form of legal agreement, which would amount to the same thing.

*By Mr. Green:*

Q. An agreement? As a matter of fact you have not got any plans to ship gas in bond through the United States, have you?—A. I should think that is the way it could be done—we would like to do it and we have asked some lawyers to work on it for us, but there seem to be some very silly difficulties in the way.

Q. For all practical purposes there is no such thing as shipping gas through the States in bond on any of those three routes, is there?—A. I would not say that; I do not know.

Q. That brings me to the next point. Is it a fact that the Canadian Board of Transport Commissioners has no control over the pipe line in the United States?—A. I do not suppose they have.

The CHAIRMAN: That is hardly fair.

The WITNESS: Excepting over the gas going into the pipe line.

The CHAIRMAN: That is hardly a fair question; he cannot interpret Canadian regulations.

Mr. GREEN: I think it is fair because Mr. Dixon is a very experienced oil and gas man.

The CHAIRMAN: He has shown that—but he is not an interpreter of Canadian laws.

Mr. GREEN: He is familiar with the American situation.

The CHAIRMAN: You asked about the Canadian regulations?

Mr. GREEN: I asked if the Board of Transport Commissioners has any control over a pipe line laid in the United States.

The CHAIRMAN: It is not a fair question, but if he can answer, all right.

The WITNESS: I do not know.

Mr. GREEN: Did you follow the pipe line that was laid to the boundary of southern Manitoba—to Gretna?

Mr. SMITH: The oil line.

*By Mr. Green:*

Q. The oil line, yes. I believe the Board of Transport Commissioners made a ruling covering the line to Gretna but no further? You follow all these things?—A. I follow them in general.