

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

Mr. Boisvert: Tell us something about the pipe line!

Mr. Dufresne:—If the Ottawa centralizers were not depriving provinces of their best means of revenue. We, in the province of Quebec, welcome American capital to promote the development of our natural resources, under the control of the owners of those resources and in the best interests of the people of our province and of our country.

But what a contrast to behold now, Mr. Chairman! In Quebec, we are using American capital to develop our natural wealth for our own benefit. Therefore, over \$300 million were earmarked and spent for the discovery and development of our iron ore, and over \$125 million were used in the building alone of the railway between Seven Islands and Knob Lake. Some people claim that our ore is being sold at a cent a ton, but I challenge anyone to prove it, for in fact the province of Quebec gets 75 cents a ton for the ore now mined in Ungava.

Mr. Boisvert: What about the pipe line?

Mr. Dufresne: When I discuss it, you will probably be still less interested, and I shall ask my good friend, the member for Nicolet-Yamaska (Mr. Boisvert) not to tire himself in the meantime.

Mr. Boisvert: Nothing ever tires me when you are doing the talking.

Mr. Dufresne: Mr. Chairman, here is what is happening now at Ottawa. With the help of a subservient majority, and contrary to the wishes of the Canadian people and in spite of their protests—one has only to read the newspapers to see that—the government takes \$80 million of the Canadian taxpayers' money and lends it to foreigners, to Texas promoters, friends of the right hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe), who will come to Canada to reap large profits and batten on the work and sweat of our fellow citizens.

We have there a blatant contradiction, Mr. Chairman; the time has come to let the Canadian people know on what side those men are sitting who, by a contradictory stand which I will not qualify because the words I would use would not be parliamentary,—do not care much and have no respect for truth.

The people of Quebec are developing, I repeat, our natural resources with the help of American capital, through a project approved by the people of Quebec and by

[Mr. Dufresne.]

all serious and thoughtful Canadians. Yet what seems very strange—and I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if you have noticed what is now taking place in the house and some distance from the capital—since the beginning of this undertaking, that is since American capitalists came to the province of Quebec and started to explore and develop our vast natural resources, a man stood up in this house to contradict those who criticize the undertaking, and to assert that it was the only possible solution to ensure the development of our natural resources. He then spoke with authority, because the right hon. Prime Minister and member for Quebec East (Mr. St. Laurent) thereby approved the development of those areas and lauded the perspicacity of the man who now administers the affairs of the province of Quebec by using that capital.

What did we see then? Following that statement, every Liberal member, particularly those from the province of Quebec, frantically applauded the words of their leader, the right hon. Prime Minister. What is the situation now? What do we see today? The same members who then applauded the Prime Minister are now taking, in the Quebec election campaign, a stand which is the very reverse of their former one, since they are supporting the provincial Liberal leader, who goes on making rash, foolish and ridiculous statements on the Ungava project, and they applaud him frantically—

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Mr. Boisvert: Mr. Chairman, on a question of order.

An hon. Member: There is no question of order.

Mr. Boisvert: Yes, there is a question of order. There is no question of the election in the province of Quebec with respect to that bill, and the hon. member is dealing with the provincial election in Quebec at the present time.

Mr. Dufresne: On the point of order.

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Brown, Essex West): I draw to the attention of the hon. member that we are now discussing Bill No. 298, an act to establish the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation, clause 4. If he has something further to say on clause 4, he may proceed.

Mr. Dufresne: On the said point of order—