

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

Mr. Nicholson: Oh, good.

Mr. Cannon: —but it is too long.

Mr. Nicholson: No, go ahead and read it all.

Mr. Cannon: They are talking about this bill and they say:

The government felt it must get out of the impasse that has now lasted three years; it made an intelligent proposal that could stand lots of contradiction. It was one that needed to be debated and, by all standards, enough time was made available for such a debate.

Mr. Nowlan: Is that the *Toronto Star* you are reading from?

Mr. Dinsdale: No, it must be the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

Mr. Churchill: There are only two newspapers in Canada.

Mr. Cannon: I should read the heading. It reads:

A Sad Show for Once Great Party.

I do not have to mention the party concerned. I am sure the Leader of the Opposition will have recognized it.

My prize show piece, you might say, Mr. Chairman, is the *Globe and Mail*.

An hon. Member: Hurray.

Mr. Cannon: I should really congratulate the Prime Minister. I do not know whether he has read that book entitled "How to Win Friends and Influence People" but he has certainly succeeded in doing that by the way in which he has conducted this debate in this house.

Mr. Hees: So you are still hoping to be a parliamentary assistant?

An hon. Member: Stand up, beautiful.

Mr. Nowlan: You have earned a front seat, Chuck.

Mr. Cannon: I appreciate that you do not like to take this, but be men. When you were little boys you had to take castor oil and now that you are big men you have to take this. Why not take it like men? The editorial in the May 31 edition of the *Globe and Mail* reads as follows:

One reason for early completion of the line concerns cost; every year, the price tag on it goes up by another \$25 million. But the main reason is need—Alberta's need, to sell natural gas, Ontario's need to buy it. Alberta's situation is critical. In the five years that the cross-Canada line has been under discussion, that province has burned off 120 billion cubic feet of natural gas which it was not able to export to the east and not permitted to export to the United States. This is a criminal waste in a country which needs energy as badly as this one.

[Mr. Cannon.]

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Brown, Essex West): I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member, but I must advise him that his time has expired.

Mr. Cannon: I shall bow to the inevitable.

Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo): Mr. Chairman, I think after the storm and fury of today it has been a good thing to have a bit of light comedy touch such as we have had lately. I was highly entertained to hear the hon. member for Iles-de-la-Madeleine doing with more magnificent skill what the right hon. Prime Minister did earlier. It will be remembered that the right hon. Prime Minister attempted to telescope two days today and to make yesterday today, but the hon. member for Iles-de-la-Madeleine has done an even more magnificent job, he has telescoped ten months into 90 days. I was very curious when he chided the members on this side for not having read the contract, and yet he stated repeatedly that this loan was for 90 days when it is firmly stated in the contract—

Mr. Cannon: If my hon. friend will allow me to give an explanation, it was just a slip of the tongue.

An hon. Member: You cannot take it.

Mr. Cameron (Nanaimo): The contract firmly states that the loan is to be repaid before April 2, 1957, some ten months from now. As I say, it gave us a light comedy touch when the hon. member spoke. However, I am interested in the views he expressed which have also been expressed by more august members of the government about the role of the opposition in parliament. Apparently the concept is that the opposition must in no way impede the passage of legislation of which it does not approve, that it must confine its efforts merely to polite commentaries on the legislation presented by the government. Of course we are then faced with this curious situation, that the members of the Liberal party and the members of the government are so witless that they are unable to use the rules of the house in order to achieve their ends and they become extremely indignant because of their lack of capacity to change the rules in order to obstruct the obstruction of the opposition. I think when it comes to obstruction the honours are very even, although I would suggest that the opposition has confined itself to playing with the rules as they are, not changing them in the middle of the game.

As I listened to the hon. member for Iles-de-la-Madeleine I wondered if he could be speaking about some other project. I almost said some other proposition, but I would not like to use that word. I wondered if he was