

Columbia. There would be no trouble at all if British Columbia was satisfied in this matter. That is why I am asking you on this point—you know that yourself?—A. What is your question?

Q. I ask you who are the authorities that would have to be satisfied that British Columbia was getting the amount of gas required?—A. I thought the Board of Transport Commissioners would have that authority.

Q. You say the authorities you meant are the Board of Transport Commissioners?—A. Yes.

Q. What is your knowledge of the Board of Transport Commissioners, may I ask?—A. I have read the law but I must admit that I have forgotten it.

Q. You do not know what their duties are?—A. In general—they have charge of transportation.

Mr. CARROLL: Is not that a matter of statute?

Mr. CONNOLLY: It is a matter of law.

Mr. HIGGINS: Yes, but also Mr. Dixon is a man who knows the Board of Transport Commissioners had no control over this matter.

Mr. CONNOLLY: I think Mr. Dixon might have reason to think the Board of Transport Commissioners would certainly have a great deal to say about the matter.

Mr. HIGGINS: As to the actual gas that was going to British Columbia?

Mr. CONNOLLY: Yes, although the Fluids and Electricity Act does apply. I should think that people in Alberta, too, would have a good deal to say. There will be contracts and agreements and so on. But why pin Mr. Dixon down on a point like this? He is not a lawyer; he will do whatever is required.

Mr. HIGGINS: But he must know the authorities whom he meant? Mr. Dixon is too well versed in this matter not to know whom he was talking about.

Mr. CONNOLLY: Mr. Dixon has said that the Board of Transport Commissioners was the authority.

Mr. GOODE: Mr. Dixon, you have mentioned a figure as a penalty to British Columbia and the city of Vancouver, and I wonder if we might get some information on that—

Mr. MAYBANK: Louder please.

*By Mr. Goode:*

Q. I would like the privilege of making this statement myself, without the assistance of my friends down here.

You mentioned \$1,000,000 a year that it would cost Vancouver on the price of gas, taking into consideration the U.S. line and the all-Canadian route. You mentioned that as an approximate figure?—A. I mentioned \$1,000,000? I said it would be somewhere between \$700,000 and \$1,200,000 but that it was a very hard figure to calculate.

Mr. MURRAY: Extra?

The WITNESS: Yes.

*By Mr. Goode:*

Q. Would that pertain over the twenty years or the life of the project?—A. Over the entire life of the project.

Q. For the same amount, or would it increase or decrease?—A. I think it would be fairly constant.

Q. I want to ask you something about employment in regard to the taking of the all-Canadian route and starting to build this pipe line. Is it a fair question to ask you how many men would be employed in the construction of that line? You said, I believe, that it would take three years to construct. How many men do you think would be employed on the all-Canadian route—just