

No one who saw what has taken place in this house in the last few weeks on this pipe-line issue will say that the Conservatives did not heed that call; and mad they are in the true sense of the word. On checking the meaning in the New Century dictionary I find the following definition given of that word: "Disordered in intellect; insane; senselessly imprudent", and many others I would not dare use. That may be the reason for the illness of some of their members, which I regret as much as they do. However, I think it would help a great deal were they not to get that mad in talking about the pipe line.

**An hon. Member:** Does that include the Minister of Justice?

**Mr. Habel:** I want to congratulate the cabinet most sincerely for having taken the position they have taken on this issue. The pipe line is a vital issue to the whole of Canada, but it is a main and vital issue to the riding which I have the honour to represent. We heard the hon. member who just took his seat refer to the Minister of Trade and Commerce and say that he had come up as minister the easy way. May I read just part of a clipping that I have from the Timmins paper, the *Daily Press*. The *Timmins Daily Press* is a paper which belongs to the Thomson company; and if I am right, Thomson himself was a candidate in 1933 under the Tory banner. Therefore no one will ever say this is a Liberal paper. Here is what it says about the Minister of Trade and Commerce:

There is no doubt that when the passing of the years shall have permitted a detached, impartial review of Canadian events in the past two decades, historians will ascribe to Mr. Howe major credit for the sweeping changes which are lifting Canada from an agricultural economy to a giant combination of both agriculture and industry, and are rapidly raising the nation to the status of a great world power.

Those words are very different but they are written by a Tory. Then in the *Timmins Press* as well, dated May 5, 1956, there is another editorial. I shall not read the whole thing but just the heading. I repeat that the *Timmins Daily Press* is owned by the Thomson Company Limited, and everybody knows how Tory that company is. Here is what they have to say in the headline:

Government deserves praise for actions on the pipe line.

We in the northern part of Ontario have been looking forward to the day when a government would seek to help us to develop new industry and also to supply the power needed for existing industry. We are absolutely satisfied today with the stand the government is taking on the construction of

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a pipe line. I hold here in my hand a clipping. The hon. gentleman who immediately preceded me—I refer to the hon. member for Saint John-Albert—quoted from the *Toronto Star*. I will quote from the *Toronto Star* of May 18, 1954. The heading is:

Despite Drew stand, "We need pipe line gas"—Porter.

I happen to know Mr. Porter, and I know he is in the Frost government in Ontario. The *Toronto Star* goes on to say "Howe's pipe line policy only one making sense".

We hear a great deal about United States capital. Here is a clipping from the *Toronto Star* of May 1, 1956. The heading is:

Rapping investment of U.S. funds "biting hand that feeds you".

Here are the words of D. W. Ambridge, president of Abitibi Power and Paper Company:

D. W. Ambridge, president of Abitibi Power and Paper Company, yesterday said he had no sympathy for critics of expansion of U.S. capital into Canada.

I doubt very much whether Mr. Ambridge happens to be a strong supporter of the Liberal party. Yesterday, on getting my newspaper of May 30, I was surprised indeed to read the report from Ottawa written by Patrick Nicholson, who, I understand, is a reporter for the *Daily Press*. Here is what he had to say:

George Drew, leader of the Conservative opposition in parliament, has an unequalled talent for snatching disaster from the jaws of opportunity.

Independent comments—if anyone in Ottawa can remain truly independent during the current pipe line wrangle—suggests that Drew has unerringly picked a dud again. Just so in the 1949 election he vainly strove to make the North Star aircraft a successful election issue. Just so in 1953 he vainly tried to win the electors by the wild proposal for dramatic tax cuts, which one of his more puerile advisers here dreamed up.

We heard a lot about closure, Mr. Chairman. I should like to remind the Leader of the Opposition that he himself used closure once in the provincial house. During this debate I have seen in the gallery every day throughout this week the very man against whom he used closure at that time. He was glad to see the tactics of the Tory party, because they were exactly what he was trying to do himself in the provincial house at the time he was turned down by the Tories.

That goes to show, Mr. Chairman, that they are not able to speak about the pipe line. They have vainly talked about closure, rules and procedure. If I had a certificate to issue to hon. members of this house, it would be issued to the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. I would give him a certificate for being a master of the rules and regulations.