

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

in order to make up for the unusually low offering prices to the American companies.

Again I ask this question. Can you conceive of the presentation to parliament of a proposition whereby Gardiner Symonds, one of the heads of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines, is himself the major purchaser in the United States? Who is going to win out in that proposition? The Canadian producer? The records tell the story as to what is happening. The Canadian consumer will pay through the nose in order to assist the United States company, namely the Tennessee company and its subsidiary, to secure gas at a price seven or eight cents per thousand cubic feet cheaper than the price Canadian consumers will pay, and let nobody deny it. I was waiting for some of the anvil chorus to deny it.

I have before me the presentation made with regard to Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, Docket No. 9, exhibit X-33, Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited rate schedules. I wish I could put the whole record on *Hansard*, because it tells the story. However, I shall have to content myself with merely quoting from it. Between November 1, 1956, and November 1, 1957, the average rate per thousand cubic feet in Saskatchewan will be 26.6 cents; in Manitoba for Winnipeg and Central Gas, 32.9 cents; for other people in Manitoba, 40.9 cents. Midwestern will buy it at Emerson for 26.8 cents. Why does this Midwestern company become the beneficiary of Canada's public charity? Why is this company going to be able to buy at Emerson—when the price should be about one cent more per thousand cubic feet, having regard to the distance between Winnipeg and Emerson—at 26.8 cents while other people in Manitoba will pay 40.9 cents, and while Winnipeg and Central Gas Company will pay 32.9 cents?

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Why? What is the reason for this transaction? Why must we push through parliament by June 7 a bill to enable Canadians to be taken for a ride? That is the simple question. I go on from there. What is their schedule between November 1, 1957, and November 1, 1958? It is still 26.6 cents in Saskatchewan. In Manitoba for Winnipeg and Central Gas it is 32.9. For other companies in Manitoba it is 40.9. The Midwestern Gas Transmission Company will get the gas at 25.9. Now we come to what they are going to charge in Ontario. Western Ontario will pay 42.2; northern Ontario, 52.7; International Nickel, 51.5; North Bay to Toronto, 77.5; Provincial Gas Company, 46.1;

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Dominion Gas Company—these are the various rates for these other firms—66.2; Toronto and area, 51.5. At what price are we going to dispose of the undistributed part outside of Canada? At 35.67 cents at Niagara.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

An hon. Member: Robbery.

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): To what records is my hon. friend referring?

Mr. Diefenbaker: That is the submission I quoted from a moment ago.

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): It is a complete distortion of the facts and no one knows it better than does my hon. friend.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The minister can make a statement afterwards.

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): May I ask my hon. friend on what clause of the bill he is talking?

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I think it has been made clear to the committee on several occasions that unless an interruption is caused by a direct accusation or personal privilege, the hon. member who has the floor is entitled to be heard. If his descriptions or his conclusions from alleged facts are not agreed to by others, they will have the right to contest them at the conclusion of the member's speech. He cannot be interrupted without his consent.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I have heard my right hon. friend talking about distortion of the facts. There is no one who is a postgraduate in the way he is, having regard to the number of distortions he has made. I am quoting from the figures prepared by Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited of room 208, 25 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, dated September 19 1955, and filed before the United States federal commission.

Mr. Hodgson: The cat is out of the bag.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Thank the Lord we have an application before the United States board that we can go to and find out the truth about this matter.

Mr. Rowe: You cannot find it out here.

Mr. Coldwell: May I ask a question? Are those the wholesale prices?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Yes. Those are the prices that will be charged between November 1, 1958, and November 1, 1959. Here are the various prices, and they range from 39 to 77.5. The export price from Canada at Niagara will be 35.67; and so on it goes throughout the whole piece.