

*Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation*

Mr. Chairman, this is neither private enterprise nor public ownership. It is a non-descript, mongrel amalgamation of the two. It is private enterprise for United States interests with nothing left for private enterprise in Canada except public ownership as everyone knows, because the minister told us that yesterday. It is private ownership controlled by United States interests and the only alternative left in the resolution is that when it now looks almost impossible for trans-Canada to complete it you propose to have public ownership next year. You have already stifled every private enterprise in Canada concerning this project and you have offered bonuses to United States enterprise.

You ridiculed the group to my left as being champions of public ownership when we in the Conservative party have been the real champions of private enterprise since confederation. The Minister of Trade and Commerce laughs and the Prime Minister says nothing.

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** Why are you linked with the C.C.F. tonight?

**Mr. Rowe:** We are not linked because we are both opposing you. There are many people in Canada who are opposing you tonight who are interested in Canada. We are interested in the people of Canada. That is why you and your silent, acquiescing Prime Minister are afraid to go to the country. That is why the Prime Minister is afraid to rise and speak in this issue because he has already said that this is the worst proposal of the three.

**Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East):** I would rather be silent than speak like you are doing now.

**Mr. Rowe:** The Prime Minister has already said that this proposal is the worst of the three. No wonder he does not speak.

**An hon. Member:** He does not dare.

**Mr. Rowe:** The Minister of Agriculture can talk about the Saskatchewan river dam out in Saskatchewan at the next election. These great Liberal champions of private enterprise have stifled Canadian private enterprise and squelched the offers of every Canadian company which has ventured an offer. The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration says that we are the Canadian babies. He is the last one who should speak about that. He looks more like a baby than anyone else I see in the house. The Canadian baby who did propose this was the only Canadian who built a line in Canada for \$153 million.

Yes, Mr. Chairman, someone said we have had 20 years of one-party government. How long, oh Lord, how long are we going to be

[Mr. Rowe.]

confronted with a one-man party government in the future?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** It did not take you long to put one government out of business.

**Mr. Rowe:** What was that?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** It did not take you long to put a government out of office, the one of which you were a member. How long were you a member there?

**An hon. Member:** Six weeks.

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** Six weeks?

**Mr. Rowe:** I do not mind telling you that I do not have to apologize for that government. We had a leader at that time who has been chided for introducing closure. The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration asked me to mention that tonight. When I sat here in 1932 from February 26 to March 23, your cohorts, the men who are not now associated with you because you were leaning toward being Conservative at that time—all the men you were not associated with at that time made the rafters ring in this house. I remember the Right Hon. Mackenzie King as prime minister walking out in front of the house and saying that the parliament of Canada had lost its supremacy and he almost shed crocodile tears. He talked about his dear old grandfather and how he had fought for Canada.

He said all this because the matter had been debated from February 26 to March 23. You great champions of the unemployed and the poor were voting against giving relief to the unemployed and the farm relief which was necessary because you lost every market during the time you were in power.

The only other time closure was put on was in an important session back in 1912 when Sir Robert Borden was trying to give Great Britain three dreadnoughts in her dire time of need as she was preparing for the first world war. Every Liberal henchman in this country for four solid months from December until April 5 sought to defeat doing this. They sat up at night, Mr. Chairman, and the Clerk told me at that time he thought he was going to collapse because he had to sit here day and night while discussion on that naval bill went on. In other words, the Liberals at that time said they were not going to send any dreadnoughts to old England and Sir Robert Borden finally put closure on. Compare these instances, Mr. Chairman. Why have you put closure on? You have put it on to force the Canadian taxpayers behind the dirty shrouds of closure to pay a bonus to United States interests which will help them control one of our most vital natural resources. How can the