

*Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation*

think there is any doubt whatever about it. I say that this motion today to introduce closure before the debate began, as the debate was being introduced, is something I do not think the people of Canada will swallow. This is a parliamentary institution and the opposition, yes, the private members of the house, have a duty to perform. They have a duty to scrutinize carefully every proposal of the government and to use every means, including those laid down in our parliamentary procedures, to bring about a proper and adequate discussion. That is what we have been trying to do of late.

**An hon. Member:** Oh, no.

**Mr. Coldwell:** That is what we have been trying to do of late, and we are well within our rights in doing it. May I say that I have read the debates between 1930 and 1935; and what the opposition has done to this government today, in the months gone by and in the years gone by, is nothing to what the Liberal party did to the government in office between 1930 and 1935. Make no mistake about it, because I have read the debates.

**An hon. Member:** That was a good opposition.

**Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North):** You do not like your own medicine.

**Mr. Coldwell:** I see there are ministers on the other side who were here then, and who are grinning as they remember the incidents of that time.

**An hon. Member:** They will not be grinning after this is over.

**Mr. Coldwell:** What stage have we reached in the discussion of this project? As the Leader of the Opposition has already said this evening, when this company came before the House of Commons and the people of Canada what did it say? It said that it was prepared to build an all-Canadian pipe line and to utilize the gas for the benefit of Canadian towns and cities. I have the pamphlet they put out at the time, and apart altogether from what they said before our committee or what the mover of the original resolution said in the house they said this in their pamphlet:

An all-Canadian route for the pipe line, and with the total through-put consumed in Canada, ensures complete control in this country.

That is what they said. Now they come to us and they want us to build the prairie section to Winnipeg or to the vicinity of Winnipeg in order that, if they get permission from the United States federal power commission, they can export gas profitably to the United States, gas that will be used in United States industry not only to compete with Canadian

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industry but to aid in the establishment of United States industry to compete with Canadian industry in the markets of the world. That is what they are after. Looking at this pamphlet that they put out I see that they even enumerated the towns in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec that they were prepared to supply with Canadian gas.

We are told that the government does not have control of the pipe to build this pipe line. May I say, Mr. Chairman, that this afternoon the Minister of Trade and Commerce told us that Trans-Canada Pipe Lines did not have control of that pipe, that the pipe is in the hands of the United States companies. I do not think it is too strong a statement to make to say that those companies are holding a pipe at the head of the Canadian government. I do not think under those circumstances that my term the other day was too strong when I said that in that way these people are economic buccaneers. I used that term before and I use it tonight. I want to say that I use it, too, with some knowledge of the background of some of these oil companies in the United States over the years and their activities within that country.

There is only one alternative, and the Minister of Trade and Commerce gave it this afternoon. I took down his words and he said that short of public ownership there is no way of guaranteeing Canadian control. I took down the minister's own words.

**Mr. Dickey:** Canadian control of the shares.

**Mr. Coldwell:** No way short of public ownership of guaranteeing Canadian control.

**Mr. Dickey:** Of the shares.

**Mr. Coldwell:** Of the shares? Well, what is the argument with regard to the shares? It is that 51 per cent of the stock will be made available to the Canadian people.

**An hon. Member:** At least.

**Mr. Coldwell:** Then he went on to say that was no guarantee—

**An hon. Member:** Of control.

**Mr. Coldwell:** Of course of control; that is what I am talking about. I am not so interested in the ownership if Canada has control, and Canada has not control under this agreement.

**Mr. Dickey:** Certainly it has.

**Mr. Coldwell:** The hon. member contradicts me. He will have a chance to make a speech in reply tomorrow.

**An hon. Member:** He will not.

**Mr. Coldwell:** Let him do it. I am quoting the Minister of Trade and Commerce, who