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and large enough to bring the fish up that way. I wonder what the force of the water will be and how the fish will manage to get up there. However, these are some of the things for which I thought formal approval was given, pending these four conditions.

I want to save a bit of time in order to get answers to my questions. I really have only two questions, on whether or not the conditions are being adhered to by the Tidal Power Corporation, and what they have done. Also I should like to know whether or not the benefit in oil displacement for electrical energy by this hydro power plant is there, regardless of whether the project is a success in terms of the use of low head turbine.

I suppose another question one would ask is whether we know of any provision for flooding, the process the flooding might take, and its effect. I think this would come under the first condition as to the water levels.

Before asking the minister to comment, one other matter which came to my attention today was a press release or a telex in which the premier of Nova Scotia seems to be using extremely strong terms concerning the decision of the federal government not to extend the western natural gas pipeline into the maritimes. Being a member of the government side, I should like to indicate that I have not heard this decision. I wonder if the minister would like to comment on the decision that the Government of Canada does not plan to extend the pipeline to the maritimes, as was indicated by Premier Buchanan in his telegram. If that is the case, then perhaps Premier Buchanan is right. But there are a couple of other items in his telex to which I would like to refer.

He implied that the Canadian Transport Commission is refusing EPA. My understanding of the application before CTC is that EPA has appealed and that a decision on the appeal has not come forth. It is somewhat unfair to allow the people of Nova Scotia to think the federal government is oppressive when the procedures have not yet been followed. The premier ended up by saying that he will be in Ottawa next week and that he will be trying to convince the federal cabinet to overturn the decision of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources on the recommendation of the National Energy Board. If the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources needs any convincing, I am sure we can do it ourselves. I am sure we do not have to do it ourselves because, after all, we are as concerned as the rest of Canada as to how the energy policy will fit in across Canada.

Mr. Rae: You do not need any of the other parties at all.

Miss Campbell: Perhaps I have taken it out of context, but I think it should be read into the record. I cannot quite imagine if this is Halifax CP Press or CP Telex, but it begins by indicating that "Premier John Buchanan said Thursday"—if the term "said" is used, it has to be CP Press, or it could be CP Air. It reads as follows:

Premier John Buchanan said Thursday the federal government's decision not to extend the western natural gas pipeline into the maritimes will greatly sour relations with Ottawa.

"Nova Scotians are a rather quiet people"—

I agree; we are nice.

It continues:

—"and we like to negotiate . . . in a friendly fashion", Buchanan said of the announcement by federal energy minister Marc Lalonde. "But I'll tell you there comes a point when we are ready to dig in our heels and fight. If the federal government of this country will not recognize the unique problems we have here in Atlantic Canada"—

I am pleased he sent this telex right now because we are about to approve a grant of up to \$25 million for a project in Nova Scotia; \$12.5 million will automatically go toward this tidal power project.

It continues:

—"the unique problems we have here in Atlantic Canada, then quite frankly and honestly I think we're coming to that point right now." He said relations have already been strained because of the continuing confrontation over control of offshore resources. He also criticized the recent decision by the Canadian Transport Commission to give Halifax landing rights to CP Air, although the Nova Scotia government publicly opted for a competing bid from Eastern Provincial Airways.

Certainly everyone in this House would like to support Eastern Provincial Airways; it is an Atlantic company. But there is an appeal procedure, and we will have to wait and see.

It continues:

Buchanan said he will be in Ottawa next week and hopes to convince the federal cabinet to overturn Lalonde's announcement, made on the recommendation of the National Energy Board.

I would like to hear the minister's comments on this matter, but in particular I should like to hear what he has to say on the Tidal Power Corporation which we are funding to the tune of \$25 million, as well as the conditions given on formal approval of that agreement.

Really I am concerned about three matters. First, is the oil displacement by this project conditional upon whether or not the total project is a success in terms of a national interest? Second, have the conditions been agreed to by the Tidal Power Corporation in Nova Scotia? Third, will the minister indicate whether or not he has abandoned the idea of a pipeline going east from Quebec?

Mr. Lalonde: Mr. Chairman, first I should like to congratulate the hon. member for her knowledge of the situation concerning the tidal power project in her own area. As a matter of fact I must say that she appears to know a lot more than I do about this project, and I congratulate her for it.

I should like to make a comment on this general question. It has to do with the fact that this particular project concerning Annapolis tidal power was signed by the previous government during the election, on January 29, 1980. Indeed that agreement provided for the experiment which the hon. member mentioned. It implies a contribution of \$25 million from the federal government toward a total cost of \$46 million for this particular project. The plan is to have \$25 million paid to Nova Scotia by the federal government in two annual pay-