

Trans-Canada Pipe Lines

fast as the present government to deal with problems and the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Low), the leader of the Social Credit party, went out west and when he had a lot of good fresh western air in his lungs—I wish I had some now, Mr. Speaker—said that this Conservative government is doing things; there has never been a better government in Canada.

Mr. Johnston (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, the leader of the Social Credit party never said any such thing. What he did say was that was what parliament did, and that is a different thing from saying it was the government that did it.

Mr. Green: Well, I am sure the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Johnston) never said any such thing, and I would not expect him to. He says a lot but he would not say anything like that.

This government, Mr. Speaker, has moved to deal with this question. A commission has been set up in good faith. The terms of the commission have been approved today by the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar, with the exception of this one reference to the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited. The personnel of the commission could not be improved upon, in spite of the slurring remarks he made about the chairman.

Mr. Coldwell: I made no slurring remarks.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Of course not.

Mr. Coldwell: I said they were estimable gentlemen whose ideas, perhaps, might be influenced by their associations.

Mr. Green: Well, I am glad the hon. member is admitting that his party now believes in guilt by association.

Mr. Coldwell: No, I did not say that.

Mr. Green: Certainly, he had no right to attack these men.

Mr. Coldwell: I did not. I rise on a question of privilege. I attacked no one this afternoon. I simply said what their business connections were. When men have business connections they often influence their judgment in business matters and surely that is not an aspersion on a man's character. Is the hon. gentleman trying to make a fool of himself?

Mr. Green: What the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar is insinuating, Mr. Speaker, is that Henry Borden cannot give an honest opinion on these questions. I leave that to the judgment of the house. He was very wise to stop when he did in reading the list of men who are to constitute this commission. I am sure he would not question Professor

Britnell of Saskatchewan, or Gordon G. Cushing, one of the vice-presidents of the Canadian Labour Congress, or other members who are named on the commission.

We have set up a commission that will be holding its first meeting next week and I believe that these men will do a splendid job for Canada. But it is not very much help to them as they face these difficult problems to be attacked as they have been attacked in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Will the hon. member permit a question?

Mr. Green: Surely.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Will he say that he was smearing Mr. Tanner and Mr. Coates when in this house on February 25, 1957, as found at page 1617 of *Hansard*, he attacked them because of the profits they made out of the trans-Canada pipe line deal?

Mr. Green: If I made an attack such as the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar made this afternoon, then I was wrong.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): The minister attacked Mr. Murchison, too.

Mr. Green: But here we have this commission set up to do a job for Canada and the members are attacked on the floor of the House of Commons. Naturally the government cannot accept the amendment moved by the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggar. We think it is not only unwise but also—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Embarrassing.

Mr. Green:—very unfair. Oh, we are not embarrassed by anything the C.C.F. party does in this parliament. They are such big, brave fellows when they know that the Liberals are not going to vote with them. If the C.C.F. thought for one minute that when they moved an amendment it might be carried they would not do half as much barking as they have been doing since the house opened. Finally, may I simply say that I am sure that not only the members on the government side of the house but also the members of the official opposition and the members of the Social Credit party on our right realize exactly what kind of amendment this is and will not hesitate to vote against it.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the house ready for the question?