

of the Liberal members of the house stating in the house the beliefs they state outside. I hope that for once they will not follow the instructions of the Minister of Trade and Commerce that they must toe the party line. I hope that for once, on a great issue of this kind, a voice will be raised from the other side which is consistent with the point of view being expressed across Canada at this time.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Drew: Instead of the kind of laughter that I hear from some of the vacuous faces at which I am called upon to gaze at this time may I suggest—

Mr. McCann: Look in the mirror.

An hon. Member: Look at your own people.

Mr. Drew: Oh, Mr. Chairman, that certainly is fully in order and perfectly accurate.

An hon. Member: Just keep on talking. We are here.

Mr. Drew: Mr. Chairman, instead of inter-
polations of the kind we have just heard I would have hoped that we might have heard one of the Liberals opposite speaking up for Canada.

Mr. Coldwell: Mr. Chairman, this afternoon the Leader of the Opposition has covered a great deal of ground. Indeed, he covered a great deal of the ground that, if I had had the time this afternoon, I would have covered myself, because I believe with him that this is one of the most important matters to come before the house since I have been a member of it. I believe this problem must be faced by parliament, and that this proposal to hand over one of the greatest of our Canadian resources to United States interests is against the future welfare of Canada.

This afternoon the Minister of Trade and Commerce said that this was an all-Canadian national gas pipe line. Well, earlier this afternoon the Leader of the Opposition put on the record the companies that are behind this proposition. We have only to look at them to see the giant United States interests that are behind this particular proposal, Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, Gulf Oil Company through Canadian Gulf, Continental Oil Company through Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Company.

The only surprise I had was when we rose and asked for a recorded vote on the resolution then before us, and the official opposition voted with the government. Time and again this afternoon the Leader of the Opposition in his remarks stated that it was not expedient to do this thing. Yet what did they vote for? "That it is expedient to introduce

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation a measure to provide for the constitution of the corporation", etc. That is why we opposed it.

Mr. Drew: Mr. Chairman, on a question of privilege—

Mr. Coldwell: No, no.

Mr. Drew: Let me make the record clear.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Drew: I want to make the record clear.

Some hon. Members: Sit down.

Mr. Drew: We voted for the motion that the Speaker leave the chair.

The Chairman: Order.

Mr. Coldwell: Mr. Chairman, when the Leader of the Opposition was speaking—and he was good enough to withdraw the remark—he characterized what we did this afternoon as silly. I want to say that, as I listened to his subsequent remarks this afternoon, while I am not going to apply the same term—

Mr. Rowe: You could not do so.

Mr. Coldwell:—it certainly flitted through my mind on many occasions during that address. However, be that as it may, I am in agreement with him in the criticism he has made of these proposals. Like him, I look back on our history in this country and I realize how, through the years since confederation, the people of this country have struggled for their independence, political, social and to a degree economic. I believe the people of Canada are with us when we say that we oppose this proposal. I believe that opinion is shared by people from one end of this country to the other.

I want to say this to the minister, to the opposition and to the members of the house generally. This afternoon we are not approaching this problem from any doctrinaire position. We approach it rather in the tradition of men and women of Canada who have safeguarded the interests of this country in the past. We have before us today a proposition not for supplying natural gas to Canadian homes and industry, but a proposition which will send the bulk of the gas to the United States via Emerson and transport the rest through a spur line to eastern Canada; via a spur line, let it be said, which Canada and Ontario are to build with public funds for a company under foreign domination.

Like the Leader of the Opposition, I recall the words of Sir John A. Macdonald. He quoted them this afternoon. I am not going to quote them again, although I intended to do so. However, I am going to quote another