

Q. You mention allowing for potential requirements of those areas. That I take it would be the provision you have made to take care of expansion of requirements in Alberta and British Columbia. Have you any figures on that, any percentages on that as to what you estimate the rate of expansion will be?—A. The figures I gave this morning are for five years from now. That is, the estimated expansion will be greatly above any consumption of gas now.

Q. I understood that yesterday you gave a ratio which said roughly that one-quarter of the gas would be distributed in Canada and three-quarters of it would be distributed in the United States?—A. At the end of five years, according to present indications, it will be a much smaller percentage than that, a considerably smaller percentage. But we were thinking of making a reservation of the gas up to that limit. That was our general thought.

Q. In other words, when your line comes into operation, less than one-quarter will be required in Canada?—A. There may be less than one-quarter, but we shall reserve the capacity of at least one-quarter to supply Canadian needs. That should be enough so far as we can see into the future.

Q. In other words you do not think that Canadian requirements will expand beyond that one-quarter of the capacity?—A. Oh, no, I do not say that. Then we can start to loop the line and build some more and by that time I think there will be so much gas that we will be able to take all the gas that we want out of Alberta.

Q. Thank you very much.

Mr. RILEY: I move we adjourn until 8.30 p.m., Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Until 8.30?

Mr. RILEY: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that satisfactory to the committee?

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, I think it is unfair to ask us to sit again this evening. We have sat twice today already.

Mr. McCULLOCH: It was you who took up all the time.

Mr. GREEN: We certainly can sit tomorrow so I do not see any reason why this committee should be asked to sit three times in one day.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, it is up to the committee to decide. A motion to adjourn is not debatable.

Mr. LENNARD: Mr. Chairman, if we have to sit tonight, I think some arrangement should be made whereby Mr. Dixon does not have to stand up for the whole period of the sittings.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall adjourn now until 8.30 tonight. All those in favour of the motion? The motion is carried.

At 5.55 p.m. the committee adjourned until 8.30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, April 27, 1950.

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The committee resumed at 8.30 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum.

Mr. A. F. Dixon called:

The CHAIRMAN: I think Mr. Higgins would like to carry on and make some real progress.

Mr. HIGGINS: I shall endeavour to, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: We hope!