

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, April 2, 1954.

The Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines met at 10.30 o'clock a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. H. B. McCulloch, presided.

*Members present:* Messrs. Barnett, Batten, Bell, Bonnier, Byrne, Campbell, Carter, Cavers, Conacher, Deschatelets, Decore, Follwell, Gourd (*Chapleau*), Green, Habel, Hahn, Hamilton, Harrison, Healy, Herridge, Hodgson, Holowach, Hosking, Howe (*Wellington-Huron*), James, Kickham, Légaré, McCulloch (*Pictou*), McIvor, Murphy (*Lambton West*), Nickle, Purdy, Richard (*St. Maurice-Laflèche*), Stanton Viau, and Wood.

*In attendance:* Hon. George Prudham, Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys; Mr. G. J. McIlraith, M.P.; *From Niagara Gas Transmission Ltd.:* Mr. R. Merriam, representing D. K. MacTavish, Q.C., Parliamentary Agent; Mr. K. B. Palmer, Q.C., Counsel; Mr. Edward J. Tucker, Vice-President and General Manager and Mr. George F. Knight, Assistant General Manager; *From Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited:* Mr. J. Ross Tolmie, Parliamentary Agent; Mr. Ray Milner, Vice-President; Mr. Frank A. Schultz, Vice-President; and *From the Department of Transport:* Mr. W. J. Matthews, Director of Administration and Legal Services.

The Committee proceeded to consider, jointly, Bill No. 325, (Letter D-10 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act to authorize Niagara Gas Transmission Limited to construct, own and operate an extra-provincial pipe line" and Bill No. 389, (Letter S-11 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act respecting Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited".

The Preamble of the Bills were called.

*Agreed:* To receive evidence on both Bills at the same time.

Mr. R. Merriam introduced the representatives of Niagara Gas Transmission Limited. Mr. Palmer outlined the purposes of Bill No. 325; and assisted by Mr. Tucker and Mr. Knight, answered questions concerning the operation of the proposed pipe line.

Copies of an agreement between Niagara Gas Transmission Limited and Trans-Canada Pipe Lines were distributed to Committee members present.

The witness undertook to supply the Committee with a copy of the Export Permit received by his Company, from the United States Federal Power Commission.

Mr. Tolmie and the representatives of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines were introduced. Messrs. Milner and Schultz were questioned regarding the effect of the agreement between the two companies and the intentions of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines respecting the supplying of Natural Gas to certain areas.

At 1.00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until 3.30 o'clock p.m. this day.