

attempting so often in recent weeks is a United States institution and that closure is a British institution.

As the hon. member for Timiskaming pointed out, in the last seven years the British House of Commons, that old mother of parliaments, has applied closure on an average of 21 times every session.

An hon. Member: By agreement.

Mr. Ellis: Tell the whole story. They do it by agreement.

Mr. Philpott: What shall I say about the old wing of that strange alliance? I think that the weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth which has been most characteristic of the federal Conservative speeches and the federal Conservative attitude in the past week—they have obstructed and they have filibustered and used every expedient to prevent intelligent debate, for the obvious reason that they had nothing to say. Why have they nothing to say?

Mr. Harkness: Why did you put on closure then?

Mr. Philpott: Because the federal Conservatives have been defrosted; because every argument made by any hon. member of the federal opposition has been answered in advance by the premier of Ontario. For instance, at page 390 of Ontario *Hansard* he said:

We have taken a generous view with the federal government and recognize their position in this matter has not been simple or easy. I have no intention here of making it more difficult for the federal government to carry its arrangements through. If I did that I would be doing a disservice to this country . . .

We must recognize that in working out an agreement with the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited the federal government has obviously been faced with many difficulties. It was not an easy matter to negotiate the agreement at all . . .

Then on page 391 he said:

Apparently the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines agreement provides for the quickest and most effective way of bringing gas to Ontario.

When I hear my old Tory friends over there trotting out this old, shabby, broken-down, moth-eaten horse on which they rode to victory in 1911, no truck or trade with the Yankees, I say let us see what Mr. Frost said about that.

Mr. Harkness: You are the last people who should be talking about horses.

Mr. Philpott: On page 392 of Ontario *Hansard*, Mr. Frost said:

Since the very beginning of this country we have recognized there is a price to pay for Canadian independence. If we had not recognized that, certainly there would be no Canada today. In addition to what has been said about the control

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of this company, whether the Canadian shareholders had the opportunity to take 51 per cent of the stock, or anything of that sort, the fact of the matter is that the construction is in Canada, wholly within the jurisdiction of our country, and is subject to the legislative enactment not only of the government of Canada but of the provinces through which it passes. That in itself is the real essential of control.

Then he goes on to speak about the benefits of foreign capital in Canada.

Mr. Martin: The opposition is frostbitten.

Mr. Philpott: The reason why the Prime Minister of Canada, great statesman that he is, the greatest—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Philpott:—the greatest statesman that this country has yet had, will not agree to the request of federal opposition for an election now is that he knows if he did there would not be six federal Conservatives elected between the Ottawa river and the Pacific coast.

Mr. Rowe: Mr. Chairman, this is a unique occasion in the life of this parliament. This is an issue that deeply concerns the people of Canada. As evidence of that it seems very few have noticed before that the galleries are so full some ladies have been standing and hundreds have been turned away from the door as is the case on budget night. Why all this excitement? Because, Mr. Chairman, there is no one who has been long enough in this parliament to witness a spectacle such as we have seen yesterday and today. No one has sat here long enough. These little junior squeakers at the back have no idea of the importance of parliamentary freedom and responsible government. Never in the history of this government, and I will venture to say never in the history of any democratic government, have we seen a resolution moved—

An hon. Member: A revolution?

Mr. Rowe:—and closure put on at the same time. You could not even start a revolution. You never even drew up a resolution, let alone talk about a revolution.

After having mentioned this proposed resolution in the speech from the throne, it has lain hidden in the dusty alcoves of this old smug, complacent government all this time. Then, Mr. Chairman, it is brought out and presented in a hasty climax by that old man in a hurry to wind up what has been going on for five slow years in records filled with secrecy, mystery, changes, misrepresentation and uncertainty. Talk about private enterprise—

Mr. Pickersgill: Talk about an anti-climax.

Mr. Rowe: You have been an anti-climax to more of your own climaxes than anybody else.