

Q. I give you my word it was cold this past winter. I was home for six weeks and it was below zero the whole time. But then I went to Vancouver and was stalled there for two weeks because it was so cold and there was so much snow you could not move a train or anything out of there.

Mr. MURRAY: They were short of fuel.

*By Mr. Smith:*

Q. Canada's evergreen playground! I could not go to Vancouver Island as someone has just suggested because the blizzard was blowing so hard it blew you straight back to the mainland. You could not get ashore. Now, do you not think you are rather low on that usage out there?—A. I think it is low in ultimate consumption, yes.

Q. Now, what division do you contemplate as between domestic and industrial use, what percentage?—A. It varies from place to place. We were taking the division as made by the local company.

Q. And have you got that?—A. We have it but I have not got it right here.

Q. In other words, you expect your industrial load to be bigger than your domestic load, do you not?—A. In some places. I do not think that will be so at all in Vancouver; it is practically domestic.

Q. Well, I will leave that with you because I do not want to take up all of this little bit of time given to us this morning through the goodness of the government, so I close by asking you one simple question: Insofar as gas in Alberta is concerned, you do not own any?—A. No, sir.

Q. And you have not drilled one oil or gas well in the area from which you intend to take your gas, yourself or your associates?—A. Oh, that is not true. Some of our associates have done so.

Q. Who have?—A. Well, Mr. Arthur Newburn, Moyer, Smith, Carr, Spencer, Howard, Fawn, Eric Harvey.

Q. Have you got Harvey?—A. I say he has been working with us.

Q. I see. Is he one of the persons who have put up money for the preliminary—oh, never mind, do not answer that. He can well afford it, I can tell you that.—A. He can afford it.

Q. But your position is this, and I am not saying this in any disparaging manner, you are here purely as a promoter. I do not mean that in any sneering sense. That is your business, is it not?—A. That is my business, the building of gas pipe lines is my occupation.

Q. Seeking to build a gas line, and as far as this one is concerned, you are a promoter—it is not offensive, but that is your position.—A. That is my personal position.

Q. Thank you very much.

*By Mr. Adamson:*

Q. Mr. Chairman, I wanted to ask two or three very short questions with regard to markets, for some time. Mr. Dixon has told us that the total consumption estimated for the United States is 63½ billion cubic feet per annum—I assume that is the yardstick on which your estimates are made—and in Canada it is 11½ billion cubic feet per year, approximately 11·5 billion cubic feet, if the lesser consumption at Trail is taken into account. Now, could you tell us the estimated consumption at Spokane, Seattle, Portland and Vancouver?—A. Spokane 3·7 billion; Seattle 14 billion.

Q. Seattle 14 million or billion?—A. Billion. And Portland 23 billion.

Q. And what in Vancouver?—A. About 8 billion.