

Q. It is more than that?—A. No, it is about three hundred.

Q. I see. And you have given no consideration whatever to getting oil or gas out of the Peace River district into British Columbia?—A. Yes, I have thought a lot about it.

Q. How are you going to do it?—A. The only possible way to do it is to forget about bringing it south where you would have so many huge mountains to cross. But, if gas is developed here in the Peace River area around we will say St. John, which is not very far from the Pouce Coupe where there is a little gas, the nearest possible market for that would be Prince Rupert, where there seems to be a possible large demand which would be of course necessary. The route would be through terrain which is not impossible. It would depend upon the development which we all hope may take place in Prince George and back up through to Prince Rupert where the great mills for aluminum and making cellophane are suggested.

Q. Then, the proper outlet from the Peace River would be through one of the passes in the Rockies into the city of Prince George?—A. Through to Prince George, depending of course on the market. You have of course no market at all for a pipe line but I have heard that they intend to construct an aluminum plant in the general neighbourhood between Prince George and Prince Rupert and also a large cellophane plant considerably west of Prince George. I do not think there is any big industry contemplated in the immediate vicinity of Prince George but you hear all manner of rumours and, of course, I am not familiar with constantly changing projects and plans.

Q. Mr. Dixon, one of the things which appeals to us so greatly on the coast is the possibility of getting an outlet from the Peace River for oil and gas?—A. I think Prince Rupert—

Q. Of course, if the main pipe line comes through Yellowhead Pass then that main pipe line is within reach of Prince George?—A. No, it is a long way from Prince George.

Q. Well it could be built?—A. You can build a line anywhere but it is a tremendous distance from Prince George.

Q. From Prince George you could join up with it?—A. Not economically, no.

Q. Your pipe line comes across southern British Columbia and is absolutely of no use to the Peace River or northern Alberta and northern British Columbia?—A. Our line would be of no use to the Peace River.

Q. I would like to compare two of your routes—route A and B. Route A is the one on which the main line will run all through Canadian soil to Vancouver with two branches, the first one going off there from Trail to Spokane and the second going off from Aldergrove to Portland, Oregon. Those places I have named are correct, are they not?—A. They are correct.

Q. And Route B has the main line in the south-eastern corner of British Columbia as far as Kingsgate and then it goes to Sandpoint, Idaho; Newport, Washington; Spokane, and on to Monroe on the coast of Washington? That is correct is it not?—A. That is correct.

Q. Then it turns south to Seattle and Portland?—A. That is correct, and north to Vancouver.

Q. By the way, if you build on route B what is the size of the pipe line from Monroe to Seattle?—A. Twenty inches I believe.

Q. And from Seattle to Portland?—A. I think we have twenty inch all the way down; I am not certain of that, we have a great many variations.

Q. Have you any plans to extend it south of Portland?—A. No.

Q. Have you made any surveys south of Portland?—A. No, there would be no possibility of that as the Portland Gas Company already has a line extending down south as far as Eugene where manufactured gas is transported to the south.