

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
April 28, 1950.

The Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines met this day at 11:00 a.m. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. B. McCulloch, presided.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: It is 11 o'clock and I now call the meeting to order. We have a quorum. I understand that Mr. Dixon would like to answer a few of Mr. Green's questions. Mr. Green is here now.

Mr. A. F. Dixon recalled:

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman first of all I would like to make a short statement. Mr. Goode asked me if I would say anything further in regard to the atomic plant at Hanford. All I can say is that we have worked in Washington and out in Hanford, and that we are under a pledge to say nothing.

By Mr. Goode:

Q. May I ask one further question: is it because of security reasons that you cannot make a further statement?—A. Yes. We were pledged. When we go in there, we sign a document saying that we will not talk. I believe Mr. Green has asked me for some figures.

By Mr. Green:

Q. That is right, about the mileages.—A. Yes. I have the mileages for all the different routes in Canada and in the United States. Route A in Canada, 626 miles and in the United States 385 miles.

Q. Is that from Pincher Creek?—A. All of the lines in Canada start at Pincher Creek.

Q. You say 626 miles in Canada?—A. Yes 626 miles in Canada and 385 miles in the United States. Route B in Canada 210 miles, and in the United States, 720 miles. Route C for Canada—

Q. 210 miles in Canada and 720 miles in the United States?—A. That is right. And route C in Canada 506 miles and in the United States 507 miles. Route D in Canada 526 miles and in the United States—

Q. 526 miles?—A. Yes. And in the United States, 489 miles. Route E in Canada, 436 miles, and in the United States 584 miles.

Q. Thank you very much.

By Mr. Smith:

Q. Mr. Chairman, for the sake of greater clarity, no matter who builds or operates a pipe line, a gathering system will be necessary?—A. Certainly.

Q. In other words, knowing what we do about reserves, we could not just say that we would use this field. In the first place, you could not finance it unless you have a tremendous reserve in Canada. No one can.—A. Not only that, but you must take the gas where the Alberta government tells you to.

Q. I know. But you have got to get some money before you can build a line. To finance a pipe line the chief thing they rely upon is the amount of reserves so they can project it over a period of years. That is one of the essentials in financing it?—A. Certainly.