

Ontario. There were no competitors. Mr. Crozier, and I will refer to his evidence later, stated that it was a decided affair.

• (11.15 a.m.)

As of the end of April, without going into details again, cumbersome details, gentlemen, I was reminded on the Securities Commission that I had received an important phone call. There is on exhibit here, Mr. Rand discounts that entirely, a note which one might call, doodling, which one may have the habit of doing on a telephone call, by me. Now where was this note obtained? It was obtained in a very thick file in the city hall in Sudbury, seized by the Ontario Securities Commission. They seized the whole file, known as the mayor's file and they went through it. It was produced to me in the Securities Commission and it reminded me that Mr. C. D. Howe called me and said—well, it is difficult to say exactly the words Mr. Howe would use—but let us say they were strong words to the effect, "What is the delay, what are you doing? All the others have signed. Why are you not getting ahead?" That is the purport. You will see a telegram from me to Mr. C. D. Howe, a letter from Mr. C. D. Howe to me. In that telephone conversation I gave to Mr. Howe as reasons for the delay the very fact that International Nickel had not signed up with this company and until I was given some assurance that that would be I was not going to commit our municipality to that company either. He told me, "It is a fact INCO will sign up" and that is on the doodling note. It is marked on the doodling note "Trans Canada Pipe line". It refreshed my memory that by comparing with *Hansard* that those were the crucial dates where the financing of Trans Canada Pipe Line was brought into play and he did tell me that substantially our granting of the franchise and Copper Cliff would affect the credit rating of that P.C. line.

Now, I do not wish to get into your field, gentlemen; I will stop right there. As a result of that I called the city solicitor in and I asked the city solicitor to get going on that franchise. Those were my instructions. Mr. Farris showed up within a day or so. I cannot find the records there of that visit, and he assured me that International Nickel was ready to sign up with his company. I said that if such was the case, I will go and see Jones. So, I got into my car with him—the two of us—and this is not to be conflicted with another meeting referred to by Mr. Parker, Vice President of International Nickel Company. We paid them a visit and

we were told there—I was told—"yes, we have made our arrangements with NONG, by the Vice President".

Mr. Bell (Carleton): We question the visit; we paid them a visit. Who are the "we"?

Mr. Landreville: Mr. Farris and myself. I know my presence being in that office and that is close to the 27th, or around the telephone call of Mr. Howe. There are documents to that effect.

The visit was very brief, and that was the point of the visit, so I came back and that was what motivated me in instructing the city solicitor to get going. He did. I may say that he was competent, the city solicitor, Mr. Calais, in giving his evidence, but a young one. Obviously sometimes I have had to criticize his work because I felt much his senior in experience in law and in drafting, but I gave him freeway to go ahead and draft it. He did prepare it and on March 3 he started working on his contract.

An hon. Member: On May 3.

Mr. Landreville: On May 3, pardon me. I refer to a telegram to Mr. Howe in which I just expressly stated:

Pleased to advise the Board of Control approved the Gas Contract to be signed with Northern Ontario Company. First and Second Readings Bylaw expected to be made next Tuesday Council meeting. Assured by INCO Officials it will contract with same company forthwith after our Readings. Citizens and Industry greatly anxious for project to materialize. We feel the best part of this Country namely Northern Ontario will remain undeveloped unless this low cost fuel is available to us. Without the North this Country has no future.

I sent this to Mr. C. D. Howe and the Board of Control of May 3 shows that the contract was considered at that meeting. There is disparity between the question of hours which Mr. Rand makes mention of.

On May 4, a letter from C.D. Howe, Exhibit 15—it was filed as an exhibit—and I note only this part:

I trust that there will be no delay in signing your contract, after final approval is obtained.

On May 8, the bylaw re NONG was presented to the Council and there the city