

*Prairie Transmission Lines*

Then at the mouth of the Crowsnest pass is the Pincher Creek field which could provide a tremendous supply of gas. The pipe line from there should in my opinion go through the Crowsnest pass to Frank, through Coleman, Fernie, then into Cranbrook and Kimberley, and then down the west side of the interior in order to develop that whole area. Anyone who knows anything about British Columbia knows that it is a province of mountains and valleys. It would be utterly impossible to put a pipe line through in just one direction. In my opinion the proper way is to go south and then north into the Kootenay and Okanagan valleys, the line to go from the south to the north. Then on the other side the proper route to follow would be from the north to the south, having the two meet.

We need all the gas that we can get. However, it should be remembered that the gas belongs to Alberta, although we might question that as the gas was there before the boundary line between British Columbia and Alberta was decided upon. But they are handling it well and are doing a good job of looking after it.

I am sure that when there is a supply sufficient to take care of our needs we shall get it, but we should get it through more than one line. What you are doing tonight is saying that we are going to have a monopoly or we are going to have no gas. I say to you: Let the bill be voted on and go to the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines where we can secure the evidence of experts as to what should be done.

Let me tell you this fact about the export of gas and oil. Do not let us forget that today there is a pipe line running from the United States into Montreal and supplying Canada with oil.

**Mr. Harkness:** That is oil.

**Mr. Mayhew:** That is oil. You were talking about oil also in this debate.

**Mr. Harkness:** I was talking about gas.

**Mr. Stuart (Charlotte):** They are talking about pipe lines.

**Mr. Mayhew:** They are talking about pipe lines. Gas comes into the Windsor district to take the place of the supply they used to get from the wells in the Chatham area.

**Mr. Drew:** Where they ran out of it.

**Mr. Mayhew:** As Canadians we should be supplied first with the gas we need and then, just the same as with anything else, we should export our surplus. If we have a surplus of gas and oil then I say we have every right to export it unless we want to build a fence around ourselves and become isolated from

[Mr. Mayhew.]

everybody else. That is not the kind of world in which we are living today. I do not think anybody in the house can accuse me of wanting to sell our heritage for a mess of pottage. There are very few in this chamber who have spent more of their time and energy on trying to develop this country than I have. I should like to tell the hon. member for Calgary West (Mr. Smith) that, when the first oil field was drilled in the province of Alberta, when people thought it was a wild gamble and there was no oil in the Turner valley, some of my money was invested in that project taking a long chance.

**Mr. Smith (Calgary West):** Tell them that for twenty-six years I lived in the house you built, if you want to get close to me.

**Mr. Mayhew:** I have had a pretty long association with this matter. I have never made any money out of it, but I have had the satisfaction at least of helping in its development. I do not want to take any more time because I see it is a quarter to eleven, but I hope that we can have a vote tonight so that the bill may go to the committee.

**Mr. Clarence Gillis (Cape Breton South):** Mr. Speaker, everybody is quite prepared to have a vote tonight as soon as he himself is finished talking. I have not occupied any of the time of the house on this bill, and I would not be occupying it now if it were not for the fact that the hon. member for Coast-Capilano (Mr. Sinclair) provoked me into rising at this time. He accused members of the C.C.F. group of talking for forty minutes on every matter that comes up in the house. As I have just pointed out, I have not had anything to say about these measures so far.

**Mr. Sinclair:** You are now.

**Mr. Gillis:** The hon. member for Coast-Capilano is responsible for provoking me into entering this debate. I had something to do with the five bills that were passed by the house during the last session, and I think it is immaterial what you say about the rest of these bills in the light of what we did in April of this year. On the 27th of the month the other place handled these five measures and sent them over here. We discussed and gave second reading to them on the evening of the 29th of April without having any information as to who was sponsoring the bills or where the pipe lines were going.

The hon. member for Coast-Capilano stated a few minutes ago that these bills went before a standing committee before they received third reading, and that there was a thorough investigation of them. I want to recall to hon. members who were here just before the house was dissolved at that time