

Q. Then, to describe the situation accurately that paragraph should read:

"The applicants for incorporation are prepared if authorized by the Board of Transport Commissioners to build the first described route."

A. No, not at all. That is an entirely wrong admission.

Q. Let us put it this way.

"if ordered by the Board of Transport Commissioners..."

—A. No, I think it is worded just exactly as it should be.

Q. Will you give any pledge to this committee that your company, if it is incorporated, will build the Canada-first line, build a main line through Canada to the west coast?—A. No.

Q. Mr. Dixon, that is clear cut and we are glad to have that statement but I ask you if you in your talks with the Right Honourable Mr. Howe, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, that is the stand you have taken?—A. Just exactly. I have not said anything to Mr. Howe I have not said to you.

Q. Mr. Howe wrote a letter to the Vancouver City Council on April 4th of this year, in which he said:

"While it is alleged that the Alberta Natural Gas Company, if incorporated proposes to build a pipe line through the United States, this is not the information that the company has given me. My information is that the new company is proposing to build its lines through all Canadian territory and to serve all Vancouver points before taking the line into the United States."

Now, you dispute that, the terms of that letter by Mr. Howe?—A. I told him just what I told you, that we had the five routes, that we would build any line we would be permitted to build, that the Board of Transport Commissioners told us that we would be permitted to build. If the Board of Transport Commissioners tells us to build the all Canadian route that will be the line that will be built.

Q. Did you assure Mr. Howe that you were going to build an all Canadian route?—A. I wish we could have assured him that we were going to build any line.

Q. So you did not assure him you were going to build an all Canadian route?—A. Well, we said we would build an all Canadian route if the Board of Transport Commissioners selected it. He was perfectly correct in his statement.

Q. If you were ordered?—A. If we were ordered.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Prudham.

*By Mr. Prudham:*

Q. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Dixon one or two questions. I will be very brief. I wish to thank him first for the statement right after the opening after lunch but in view of an answer which he gave to Mr. Green a moment ago, would you put five routes before the Board of Transport Commissioners and you said yes, and maybe more, I would like to hear you say once again that before you go before the Board of Transport Commissioners that you will give the Yellowhead route as intensive a study as you have the other route.—A. We certainly will.

Q. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, in view of the statement of Mr. Dixon, I do not wish to press for further witnesses. Thank you.

*By Mr. Ferguson:*

Q. In view of the fact that you will, or will you, control the Grid for collecting this gas that will probably take in most of the gas available for sale