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the best surveys that can be made, without taking into account the investigation that will have to be made of the various types of petroleum products in the particular field, I think we should be told what kind of line they will be building, its size and an indication of the line with which this particular pipe line will connect, because this has been implied by the sponsor. There should also be an indication of where that line is going and what the facilities in connection with it will be. I say this because I have a great deal of interest in the protection of the people in the Northwest Territories. I live in an area which has only been developed in the last 65 years. I have heard all the promises that have been made about what is going to be done. The promises were a political gimmick in a provincial election. We have heard about the Ontario Northland Railway, which was then known as the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railroad. As soon as the railway line got to Cobalt, Silver Centre, it was no longer a development road. It has been anything but that ever since. I have heard these promises made and not carried out.

It is surprising that the people who have supported the idea of the development in all those areas still believe that their hopes will be fulfilled. I think the sponsor would be hard pressed to say whether there will be an oil company in five years or in ten years. He would be hard pressed to say whether the company intended to build a 6 inch line, a 24 inch line or a 50 inch line. He would be very hard pressed to say where that line was going to start or where it was going to go. I think he would also be hard pressed to say whether or not it was going to a refinery or whether that refinery was going to be in the Northwest Territories, where it obviously should be if the Northwest Territories are to be developed; whether it was going to be a transmission line which was going to connect with another feeder pipe line or whether it will connect with the Interprovincial, Trans Mountain or another of these companies with which we have had something to do before, and will be transported over the mountains, over the prairies, to the United States or out of the area.

I think the sponsor of the bill will agree that this pipe line company should provide for the development of oil in the area, at least in the initial stages, and that it should ask for the transmission of crude oil over a portion of this line to a refinery. I am sure he will agree that if that refinery was to be in the Northwest Territories, then there would be some

inducement for members of parliament to say to the Imperial Oil Company and other companies "If you want to take this oil out of the area and you want a licence to put in a transmission line, then you should be prepared to make certain concessions to the people of Canada and in particular to the people of the Northwest Territories so they also can get some benefit out of this."

It is my view that there will not be much employment on the transmission pipe line of the people who grease the wheels which operate the pump at the head of the well. That area will only be developed if, through the development of this pipe line, we make some concessions in return for the monopoly that we are giving the companies. I came to the conclusion a long time ago that those members of parliament who sit here and do not pay any attention to these bills, or who are not really concerned about what happens with them, particularly the pipe line bills which have to do with our basic resources, have no right to stand up and say the government has not done this or that. The fact is they have provided the means whereby exploitation is made possible. To me the word "exploitation" is a dirty word. I have nothing against the words "exploration" and "development", but to exploit someone is to take advantage of him. And I think the Canadian people, and particularly those in the area concerned, are often taken in. So it behooves us in the granting of these franchises to bend over backward to protect those who sometimes do not even know they should be protected.

I am not prepared to concede that the National Energy Board should have sole jurisdiction over what this company is going to do. If the hon. member for the Northwest Territories depends on the board's decisions then I think he should take a look at its record during its short life. Its record certainly has not been sound from an engineering point of view or from a political point of view, nor have its policies been farsighted in the national sense. It has not done those things which the two previous speakers said it would do. However, to be fair to the National Energy Board, perhaps it was not set up to do these things. All I am saying is that certain members have put too great a reliance on the board. I suggest it will not accomplish these ends. It may not be able to do this because it has no power to do so. Nevertheless I can assure hon. members that no matter what the reason is, these things will not be accomplished.

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