

Alberta Natural Gas Company

The member for Cariboo told us about Christopher Columbus, Sir Alexander Macenzie, and the building of a route through Lillooet.

Mr. Murray (Cariboo): What about the associated boards of trade, and their resolution?

Mr. Cruickshank: I happened to be at the meeting—

Mr. Murray (Cariboo): It was a resolution of the associated boards of trade of the Fraser valley.

Mr. Cruickshank: If the hon. member has not the courage to make a speech on this issue, I have. The associated boards of trade brought in a resolution favouring the all-Canadian route. I happened to be at the meeting.

Mr. Murray (Cariboo): But by way of Prince George. The resolution came from Mission City in the hon. gentleman's own riding.

Mr. Cruickshank: I did not understand the speech the hon. member delivered the other day, nor did anyone else. If he keeps on interrupting, I may get a little enlightenment on it. Many members have stated that the pipe line must go down through the Fraser valley. It has been stated that the Yellow-head route is the one route which has been surveyed by the most competent engineers on the North American continent, Ford, Bacon and Davis. A man from Vancouver by the name of "Jerry" Wood went over every foot of that territory. In the committee I listened with a great deal of interest to the member for Skeena tell me what a great man Mr. Dixon is. I have no doubt Mr. Dixon is a great man, and I am not disputing that fact at all. We heard all about this man, who admitted in the committee that he is a promoter.

Then there is another company, and I may as well mention that company, because I do not want to speak on pipe lines again. One representative of that company said he did not know what route the pipe line would follow; he did not know where the company was going to get the money; he did not know where they would get the gas, but he hoped they would secure a charter and hold up the other two companies. I am willing to admit that the Alberta Natural Gas Company is a legitimate company. I think it is backed by sound financial people. As for the other company, I might as well pick up two people from amongst the funny money group, and along with myself form a company and attempt to get a charter.

Mr. Fair: You should see how funny you look.

Mr. Cruickshank: That may be true. While I may disagree with my minister, and while I may disagree with some of the members of my own party, some of my colleagues from my own province, no Liberal has been told he has to keep quiet, as your little group were told.

Mr. Fair: That is absolutely false.

Mr. Low: On a question of privilege, Mr. Chairman, the member for Fraser Valley has just made a statement which I can imagine was made out of great emotion. It certainly was not made on the basis of any knowledge. If he will just carry on with his argument, I shall show him soon enough that no one has told us to keep our mouths shut. We have done so out of common decency, in the hope that someone would come to his senses and we would get this bill through.

Mr. Cruickshank: Mr. Chairman, if my language was unparliamentary when I said they were instructed to keep quiet, I shall withdraw it. I shall put it this way: Two of their most brilliant members made excellent forty-minute speeches—

Mr. Herridge: In favour of it.

Mr. Cruickshank: —in favour of the Canadian route, and all of a sudden there was not another peep out of them. Do not tell me that no instructions were given.

Mr. Low: Mr. Chairman, I must say once again that I am telling the hon. member there were no instructions given. I am telling him before the house that any of the members in this group can speak as he wants to speak on this subject. Furthermore, Mr. Chairman, I shall assure the member for Fraser Valley, before my members, that they may vote as they desire to vote; no one is going to tell them how to vote.

Mr. Cruickshank: I am sorry that I have been interrupted again, because it is taking up my time. I presume I shall be given a little extra time.

Mr. Low: That is exactly what the hon. member would do, take extra time, and that is the reason why I have kept my mouth shut up to now, because he would go right round and round; he is that kind.

Mr. Cruickshank: Is there any question of privilege about that?

The Chairman: The hon. member for Fraser Valley has the floor.

Mr. Cruickshank: If the hon. member wishes to ask a question I shall be delighted to answer him, because I am sure that anyone coming from Alberta or from the Peace River riding is entitled to enlightenment.