

discuss if clause 1, 2 and 3 had been before the committee? I challenge him to bring forward one single thing. He cannot do it. It is easy to stand up here and say, "Now, I have said before and I repeat. Let me point out. I put on the record", and then expect that that makes it true. But it does not make it true. I think the Leader of the Opposition should be the last man in the world to expect that would make it true. I deny that the things he has been repeating and repeating and saying and putting on the record are true. They are not.

If these people are sincere in their desire to want to discuss the pipe line and all its ramifications, realizing that the government is up against the necessity of getting the thing through by a deadline, then they will show their good intentions by accepting the Prime Minister's proposal to sit tonight and to sit on Saturday and Saturday night. If they do not, there is no sense standing up here and calling it a travesty of parliamentary procedure, an abomination and all that sort of thing. It is easy to stand up and use exaggerated terms and try to get the press interested, but it does not make the thing true nevertheless.

I am just as anxious as anybody, Mr. Chairman, to have the freest and fullest discussion of this whole matter. I want to see this parliament given every opportunity to consider every part of this proposition, but I wish they would do so. We sit here day after day and listen to the worst claptrap and constant repetition of things that are simply silly for grown men to utter, and we do not hear anything about the pipe line.

An hon. Member: Except untruths.

Mr. Low: Yes, except a lot of foolish untruths. I would like to hear them get down to business and really discuss the matter on its merits instead of using every possible means to carry the thing beyond the deadline so that it will be destroyed.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I am not going to discuss what the leader of the C.C.F. said. He hopes that the people of Canada are taking notice; well, they certainly are taking notice of this debate. They are being given ample opportunity to take notice of this debate. I do not think they are insensible of what is going on here nor are they insensible of the way in which the rules have been used on this side of the house in an attempt to destroy what the government wishes to get through.

I would like to see hon. members on both sides of the house enter into a real down to earth discussion of the merits of this whole business, taking what time there is now to consider whether or not the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines proposals are worth while and

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation whether they are possible. I would like to see them cut out this foolishness which I think has been the worst demonstration in this House of Commons in all its history.

I am going to close by saying that I would be glad if the whips of the parties would get together and agree to sit tonight, Saturday and Saturday night and give the house a chance to see if it is possible to finish the discussion without the application of closure. I do not like to see closure applied if it is not necessary.

Mr. McGregor: You voted for it.

Mr. Low: Yes, and there are some of the Conservatives who have been lying all over the country saying that we voted for it the first time.

Mr. McGregor: Perhaps they are following your example.

Mr. Low: They are not doing anything of the kind. The hon. member for Eglinton stood up and said we voted for closure the first time it was proposed. We did not because we felt at the time it was too early.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I want to make it quite clear that I did not say they voted for it the first time. I said they voted for it every time except the first time.

Mr. Low: You did not. If you go back and look at *Hansard* you will see that what I said is true. Anyway, let me explain, Mr. Chairman. We felt that the first time closure was moved in the house on this matter it was too soon. The hon. members of the opposition had not been given ample opportunity to consider the pipe line. We waited to see if they would take the opportunity and they did not. They discussed everything but the pipe line. They horsed around, they played with the rules, they brought up points of order and questions of privilege in every effort that could be made to destroy the chances of getting this thing through by the deadline, and when the next move came to apply closure we supported it then for the very reason the Prime Minister mentioned; namely, that no opposition group has the right to continue indefinitely to try to impose its will upon this whole parliament.

There comes a time in any parliament when it may be necessary to apply closure and I think in view of subsequent events the government quite rightly applied closure to start with. I believe the government, recognizing that it has to take the full responsibility for this measure, has proceeded step by step in the only way that was left to it by an obdurate and ornery opposition, and that was the reason, Mr. Chairman, that we felt we should support the government in