

*Alberta Natural Gas Company*

is to be the president of this company and is also the president of the parent company known as the Northwest Natural Gas Company. I asked him this question:

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.

And it was not said with any hesitation by Mr. Dixon. I continued:

Q. Mr. Dixon, that is clear-cut and we are glad to have that statement but I ask you if in your talks with the Right Hon. 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 4 of this year, in which he said:

And then I quoted the paragraph above and continued:

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.

Of course that is an entirely different story from the story given by the Minister of Trade and Commerce to the city of Vancouver.

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.

That shows that either the one or the other of these men was making misrepresentations. I am afraid there is not any doubt that the Minister of Trade and Commerce, throughout that paragraph in that letter to the city council of Vancouver, was setting out or making statements which were not in accordance with the facts.

In considering this bill in committee of the whole house, now that it is back from the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, I suggest that we should bear in mind the fact of this action, which appears to have been one of misrepresentation in so far as the statements made to the city of Vancouver were concerned.

There is one other fact I wish to bring out in connection with this first clause of the bill and it is this. This clause lists the applicants for incorporation. Before the bill went to the committee on railways, canals and

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telegraph lines, I said that the spider in this web was Morgan, Stanley and Company of New York; that they were the power behind the throne, that they were the people financing this whole plan and that they in effect had and would have control of the company.

I would point out that we were able to find out in the committee that one of the applicants for incorporation, Mr. Cortelyou Ladd Simonson of the city of New York in the state of New York, investment banker, is actually one of the partners of Morgan, Stanley and Company. He is the only representative of a financial house who is listed among the applicants for incorporation and he is to sit on this board representing that financial house.

I will have something further to say with regard to this set-up as we proceed with the discussion, but the fact was made clear by Mr. Dixon in the committee that Mr. Simonson is a partner of Morgan, Stanley and Company and that he is to sit on the board of this new company representing that financial house.

**Mr. Prudham:** For many months past we have listened to hour upon hour of talk about the Alberta pipe lines. I did not previously have anything to say because I did not want to be a party to a filibuster which in effect was, in my opinion, designed to create a monopoly for one company which was fortunate enough to have been granted a charter by a previous parliament. That pipe line company was given a charter to build gas pipe lines within and without Canada. In justice, this parliament cannot do otherwise than grant the same privilege to the more recent applicants.

Although a great deal of the time of this house was wasted during the time allotted to private bills for the last several months, I would not say that the time was entirely wasted because many good arguments were advanced to prove that Canadian needs should be served first. I believe that everyone in this house is of the opinion that Canadian needs should be served first. Coming from Alberta, and from Edmonton which is the centre of the new oil and gas development, I am greatly concerned about the disposition of our immense resources. I have lived in Alberta for the last twenty years. Many times during that interval I have been prompted to think that many people look upon Alberta as a good place in which to sell farm machinery and other manufactured products, to sell life insurance and to lend money at high rates of interest, with little thought for the welfare of that part of the country. Alberta has been discriminated against for years, in my opinion, by adverse