

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

for 30-inch pipe. I sincerely hope that the 30-inch pipe from the projected mill in Welland will be available early in 1957 and I can assure the hon. member that every pound of pipe that can be turned out within Canada will be purchased and used in the trans-Canada project.

**Mr. White (Middlesex East):** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Did I understand the minister to say that Welland Tubes were not able to produce the type of pipe which is required by Trans-Canada for the western section?

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** Whether or not it will be able to roll 36-inch pipe remains a question. I have had two contrary sources of information. I notice that the paper this morning said Welland will be able to roll 36-inch pipe. My point is that no steel mill in Canada can turn out plate of width sufficient to be rolled into pipe larger than 30 inches in diameter. The width of plate required for 34-inch diameter pipe is 110 inches and that width of plate is not rolled in Canada. As I said the other day, my information is that it is rolled in only three mills in the United States, one in England and one in Germany.

**Mr. White (Middlesex East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a telegram in my hand from Welland Tubes Limited saying that they can roll it.

**Mr. McCann:** Yes, but what about making the plate?

TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINES—REASON FOR USE OF  
34-INCH PIPE

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. M. Hamilton (Notre Dame de Grace):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In view of the fact the latest available figures show that only 227 miles of gas pipe line in the United States are over 30 inches in diameter out of a total of some 100,000 miles, will the minister tell the house why it is important that this pipe line in question be of such an excessive size?

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is that 34-inch pipe has been purchased and is being rolled in two pipe mills in the United States in sufficient quantities to build the entire line from Alberta to the vicinity of Winnipeg. The pipe is on order and has been on order for some time and the orders are being implemented. The reason 34-inch pipe is specified is that the volume of gas that can be put through a 34-inch pipe

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is the volume of gas which we believe should be made available at Winnipeg when the line is built.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

INQUIRY AS TO FURTHER INTERIM SUPPLY

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the action that has been taken in the other place ostensibly to make it possible to get interim supply through in one day, can the minister now say when he intends to move for interim supply?

**Hon. W. E. Harris (Minister of Finance):** I cannot, Mr. Speaker, but as is customary I shall consult with the opposition groups before making the proposal.

**Mr. Knowles:** May I direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister? Can he say whether there was any consultation between the government leader in the Senate and any other cabinet minister before the motion was made to suspend the rules in the other place?

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister):** Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

QUEBEC—ALLEGED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EDITOR  
OF LIBERAL PARTY PUBLICATION

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. J. Wilfrid Dufresne (Quebec West):** I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice, but in his absence I would direct the same question to the Prime Minister. Is the Prime Minister aware that a radio commentator and newspaperman by the name of Jean-Louis Gagnon, who has been closely associated with Fred Rose and other well known Canadian communist leaders, is presently one of the main publicity agents of the Liberal party in the province of Quebec and chief editor of the party's official publication in that province? If so, would the Prime Minister at this time, in the interests of the people of Canada, care to comment on the serious accusations which he and every member of this house received a few days ago by registered mail concerning the said Jean-Louis Gagnon?

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, I would not care to make any comment.