

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

I then call his attention to the corresponding price in Manitoba at the top of the first column at 75 per cent load factor, which is 28.3 cents. It seems to me this indicates that the price on the Canadian side will be higher than the price on the United States side.

I refer back to the question I asked the minister earlier in the day. Was not the C.B.C. wrong in putting the reverse interpretation on those figures in this morning's eight o'clock news broadcast? I find no case in the earlier prices which will be charged by Trans-Canada where the prices charged on the Canadian side will be less than the prices charged on the United States side.

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): I am glad you called my attention to that fact. If the difference is as stated, it must be corrected because the electricity and gas exportation act provides that Canadian gas cannot be sold outside of Canada at a price lower than the sales price to Canadians under similar conditions and at similar distances from the source of supply in Canada. I will have the situation looked into and any required correction made in the schedule.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The Trans-Canada corporation is making that representation in Washington.

Mr. Coldwell: I wonder if the minister would permit one more question in regard to the prices he quoted? How firm are they, and for what period of time do they remain?

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): Twenty years in the case of Winnipeg and 25 years in the case of Tennessee Transmission in the event of that contract becoming firm. There is a proviso in the contract that unless the gas can be taken by a certain date the contract becomes void.

(Translation):

Mr. Dupuis: Mr. Chairman, as it is urgent that this pipe line bill be put through, I wanted to avoid dealing with that question, in order, precisely, to allow the hon. members opposite to be heard so they might stop complaining at the top of their voices that they were being deprived of free speech, but when I chanced to overhear the ravings of the hon. member accidentally elected in Quebec West, I thought I should step into the breach.

Mr. Dufresne: Just go out in Quebec West and see whether I was elected by accident.

Mr. Dupuis: I thought I should step in and show up the game the hon. member for Quebec West is playing in this parliament. He plays exactly the same game as the Conservative and the C.C.F. members are playing now in the hope that their obstructionist

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tactics will have some effect on the provincial elections which are now taking place.

Mr. Dufresne: We don't need that.

Mr. Dupuis: But that at least will confirm my opinion to the effect that—

Mr. Dufresne: Have you ever had any opinions?

Mr. Dupuis: —that the Drew-Duplessis axis is a live factor in our province, and one well supported in this house by the hon. member for Quebec West.

Mr. Dufresne: This is not exactly brilliant.

Mr. Dupuis: Brilliant or not, let us go a bit into the evidence of the hon. member for Quebec West, which must be taken into account.

Mr. Dufresne: It was not evidence, it was a conviction.

Mr. Dupuis: Let us see what the Drew-Duplessis team really means: it is probably the reason for the amount of filibustering we are getting from that side of the house. Do you want to know what was published in the ridings of Bellechasse and Temiscouata during the last elections? I shall read it out in French.

(Text):

For the edification of my English colleagues I am going to translate the circular which was published by friends of, if not by, the hon. member for Quebec West. It will prove at the same time that there is certainly a union with Duplessis in our province, but I wonder whether there will be such a union after I read this to my friends which was again, I say, published by close friends, if not by the hon. member for Quebec West. Let us see what he was saying. I shall again revert to French, but please be patient; I am going to read it in English and hon. members will be edified.

(Translation):

An election was going on in the ridings of Bellechasse and Temiscouata, and that is what his friends, or the representative of the Drew-Duplessis axis himself, published at that time:

What your vote means.

(Text):

Again I tell my English colleagues that I shall read it in French first and they will be astonished that such a thing should be published in the province of Quebec by friends of, if not by, the hon. member for Quebec West. The report is from his own party. They know about the circular.