

Television

to their starting point. Another question might occur in the minds of hon. members. They might ask: why not use the present pipe lines? The answer of the gas interests is that the existing pipe lines would not be able to carry these products because they would contaminate natural gas or oil.

The starting point for this dual pipe line would likely be just outside Edmonton at Pine Creek. It is proposed that this pipe line be operated under the name of Foothills Pipe Line Limited. This would be a company sponsored by Pembrina Pipe Lines Limited of Alberta, a Canadian company with assets of over \$26 million. The Foothills Pipe Line Company will be a subsidiary of Pembrina. It is proposed to incorporate this company at five million shares of \$5 par value. This will be the first pipe line of its kind built in Canada, though there are examples of similar pipe lines in the United States where the by-products of gas are being successfully marketed.

It is for this reason that I would ask that this bill be referred to the committee where it can be looked into clause by clause with the experts who will be able to answer the various questions that may arise. I therefore move that Bill S-16 be passed to the committee.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines.

TELEVISION

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SERVICE TO CHURCHILL CONSTITUENCY

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill) moved:

That, in the opinion of this house, the government should give early consideration to the advisability of suggesting the installation of a television service by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for the populated areas of the constituency of Churchill.

He said: Mr. Speaker, it is an honour and pleasure for me to have the opportunity of introducing the resolution that is before the house at this time. I introduce it with a feeling of deep responsibility because I am keenly aware of the importance of television service to the people in the area I represent and the great interest they have in this question.

At the outset I wish to emphasize the degree of interest that has developed and which is continuing to grow in the Churchill constituency with respect to the question of television service. Indeed, I feel that words alone cannot adequately convey to the house the degree of interest of the people there and I am sure that if some hon. gentlemen

had the opportunity of visiting my constituency they would very quickly appreciate the intensity of interest in this question on the part of the people there.

I wish to make clear that I realize there are certain procedures to be followed with respect to areas interested in obtaining television service and with respect to licences being granted to individuals to operate stations and I and many others in my constituency have already complied with these requirements. Through consultation with officials of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation I learned that representations for television service and licensing should be sent to the C.B.C. Such applications and representations are turned over to the Department of Transport for perusal and after having been considered from an engineering point of view they are sent to the board of broadcast governors for consideration. The board publicizes the application in the *Canada Gazette* with four weeks notice concerning the hearing of the application. Representations may be made from various parts of Canada. The board then recommends what may be done.

I have personally complied with this procedure and practically every town council, service club and other group in the Churchill constituency has forwarded representations to the C.B.C. or to me for forwarding to that body but as yet no commitment has been made. It is for this reason that I welcome this opportunity of bringing to the attention of this house and the government the sincere desire of the people in that area to have some consideration in this regard as quickly as possible.

In the Churchill constituency there are between 45,000 and 50,000 people and it would not be possible to extend services at this time to people throughout the entire area because some settlements are in outlying regions and it would of course take some time to extend the service to those areas. The resolution before us, however, deals mainly with the desire for having television service extended to the populated areas of the constituency. The most heavily populated areas are the district of Swan River, The Pas and Flin Flon. In addition to the number of people in the Churchill constituency to whom I made reference there are upwards of 70,000 people who could also be served by television coverage in that area because there are adjoining places which would naturally benefit from the passing into the Churchill constituency.

In order to demonstrate the vast amount of interest in this question that prevails in the Churchill constituency I might state that