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on such applications unless they know whether or not there is to be a regulatory board in the matter? I do not know beforehand what those regulations are likely to be. The minister has suggested that if things do not go properly we can go to the board of transport commissioners and place the matter before them. But I submit that is too late, and that we should have the information now. It may be unreasonable, but that is the way I see it.

Mr. Chevrier: The hon. member seems concerned about his lack of information on a particular application. If he has in mind the bill which is now in another place, and will come here some time later this week, then I submit to him that that is a private bill. When it comes here it is discussed in the house and sent to a committee. He can go before that committee and get all the information he wants in connection with the bill.

Once the bill had passed the house, an application would go before the board. I do not know what the regulations are. Unquestionably there are some, and I shall be glad to get them for the hon. member. All I can say is that general principles are applied by the board in connection with these applications. In so far as the regulations are concerned, I believe I can get them and table them.

Mr. MacInnis: If I understand the discussion correctly, we are considering two matters, first a pipe line which has already been authorized, so far as the building of it is concerned. It is now being built from one place to another. The second matter is that we are considering a pipe line for another purpose which has not yet been authorized by the house. I think that is putting the matter fairly.

If we take the first pipe line first, it would appear that the government has no policy as to what should be done with Canadian oil. The oil is owned by Imperial Oil Company which, I understand, is a subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey. It is decided to build this pipe line to Superior, Wisconsin—and not to lake Superior in Canada. So far as the government is concerned, they say that that is all right with them. If we take the government's policy on that pipe line we can be pretty sure what its policy will be on the other pipe line. It will be, whatever the company that has the line or is building it, whatever it wishes to do with the gas it owns. If it wishes to pipe it to Timbuctoo, that is all right so far as this government is concerned. The companies have bought the oil, they have bought the gas and that is all there is to it. I do not see why there is so much fault-find-

ing, because that is the policy on which this government went to the country; that is free enterprise. Those who own can do what they like with what they own.

The hon. member for Fraser Valley has said that he wanted Canadian resources to be exploited in Canada. Canadian resources are being exploited in Canada, and exploited from Canada. But Canadian resources are not being developed in Canada, and that is what the hon. member for Fraser Valley would like. There is quite a difference between exploiting and developing.

Mr. Cruickshank: I meant that.

Mr. MacInnis: But why should you worry? You are getting what you voted for. I am quite sure that the minister cannot tell you what the policy is, what the policy in connection with the gas pipe line will be, because he does not know what the company's policy is, and the company has not told him that yet.

Mr. Chevrier: On a point of order, I do not think the hon. member has any right to impute any motives to any person. By that last statement he imputes a motive to me, as minister, in that he says I have not been told by the company what is the company's policy. He has not the slightest right to say that. I know the hon. member is a gentleman and that he will not want to impute those motives to me. I am sure he did not intend to say that, but certainly that is what he said.

Mr. MacInnis: If the minister feels I did him an injustice, then I am quite willing to withdraw—and to withdraw completely. But if the minister will note what I said he will see that I did not refer to the minister, except that the government did not have a policy and the minister could not tell the committee what the policy is. That is what I said. But if the minister feels there is any reflection upon him either as a person or as a minister, then I will withdraw it completely.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): I think we should have a declaration from the minister.

Mr. Stuart (Charlotte): Mr. Chairman, I wish to speak briefly. The hon. member for Fraser Valley has insinuated that we should be very careful how we vote.

Mr. Cruickshank: Louder. You are talking about me.

Mr. Stuart (Charlotte): It appears that a good many members in this house are forgetful. I wonder where they think we would be today if it were not for oil we have been getting for years and years from the United States. It is no longer ago than the wartime