

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

when this pipe line is constructed to Winnipeg, it is not going to be taken down to Emerson? What assurance is before the house?

An hon. Member: That is not what McMahan wants.

Mr. Pallett: Never mind what McMahan wants. Have we unqualified assurance that when this pipe line comes to Winnipeg, before it goes to Emerson, it will come across into Ontario and Quebec? I have not seen it. I have read *Hansard* from the beginning and it is not there. There is no assurance.

An hon. Member: Nonsense.

Mr. Pallett: "Nonsense", the man says. That is the only speech he has made in this debate.

Mr. Hosking: The same as yours.

Mr. Pallett: I asked the minister last Friday on the orders of the day, what about atomic energy. I asked when is atomic energy going to be ready for the development of electrical energy. He did not know, he said.

Mr. MacDougall: No, do you know, John?

Mr. Pallett: He did not know. If I were the Minister of Trade and Commerce in charge of the resources of which he is in charge, I would know and I would get up and tell the house.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Pallett: Mr. Chairman, you do not have to go to the Riverdale zoo to see the hyenas. Now, I think that is a question that should be answered. I think it is of vital importance. When will we have electricity available that has been made from atomic energy sources? Let us have the answer. We have asked, but we have not got an answer.

An hon. Member: Ask Mr. Frost.

Mr. Pallett: They say, "Ask Mr. Frost." I might point out that in the last provincial government publicity release gas and atomic power for energy were used at the same time. If you people know how to read, which I doubt, you could have read it. If atomic energy is not too far off, is this pipe line being rushed so that as much gas as possible can be sold before we get into the atomic field?

An hon. Member: What is wrong with that?

Mr. Pallett: For the people of Alberta, perhaps nothing is wrong with that, but let us know.

An hon. Member: Is there anything wrong with Alberta?

Mr. Pallett: There is nothing wrong with Alberta, I agree with the members of the

Social Credit party. But we should know that the principle behind this gas pipe line is to sell as much gas as possible before atomic energy is available. If that is the case, then perhaps the whole basis is wrong. Let us have the answer, so we can make up our minds about these things. Do not keep the iron curtain down, fellows. Let us get it up and have a look at some of these things.

There is one thing that I think is most important. Trans-Canada Pipe Lines, that is the company whose word apparently is not to be taken because the responsible minister in the house today said the statements they made were not accurate, has as a component part certain shareholders. Why have not those shareholders put up the money to build this line? Let us have an answer as to that. Why have not these shareholders bought more of the capital stock and put up the money themselves? I think we are entitled to know the reason behind that.

The next question is, who set this arbitrary date of June 7? Have you ever in your days seen a government let somebody outside set the date by which it must perform a contract? Usually the person comes to the government and says, "I should like this contract; I want to do business with you. Now, what date do you want me to perform by?" The government says, we would like you to perform by such and such a date and the private individual says he would be only too happy to do so. Did that happen in this case? Oh, no. Trans-Canada Pipe Lines company comes to the government and comes to the people of Canada and says, you must. I was in Belgium during the war and I was billeted there with a Belgian family who had suffered at the hands of the Germans. They said when you cross into Germany the only words you will use will be "Ich will, das muss, das soll." That is what Trans-Canada has said to this government, and that is what the minister is saying to the house.

Another question we should like answered is, what trained people are there in the minister's department or available to the government if the government ever takes over this line when the default is made? You have got a contract or you say you have a contract with an unnamed corporation. We have not seen the name of the corporation as yet. Remember, that has been denied to us. We do not even know the name of the corporation because of the use of closure tactics. We are assuming something. If this corporation defaults and you are obliged to exercise your powers under the terms of this agreement, what are you going to do with the line when you get it? What people have you got to manage it? You have something here that