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remark myself. We believe the same thing applies to our fish and other resources. The surplus, of course, could be exported to any market we can find for the product.

Mr. Johnston: What price are we paying for British Columbia lumber?

Mr. Cruickshank: I will just tell you this. If you were paying for British Columbia lumber what we are paying for No. 4 Alberta wheat, you would be doing very well.

Mr. Johnston: That does not answer the question at all.

Mr. Cruickshank: I do not want to delay proceedings on this matter, Mr. Chairman.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Cruickshank: I hear laughter from some quarters. I have been disappointed in some of the support that we secured in connection with our efforts to develop not only Alberta and British Columbia but, as we saw it, the entire economy of Canada. Particularly have I been disappointed that northern Alberta and northern British Columbia did not appreciate the great opportunity that had been afforded us by both of the companies; and I say by both of the companies to a certain extent but definitely, as to northern Alberta and northern British Columbia, by one company. In northern British Columbia we have possibilities that equal anything as yet produced in that great province of Alberta. I cannot understand why, all of a sudden, after a couple of excellent speeches—and I was a little bit surprised that each speech took up forty minutes of our time, because I do not believe in that sort of thing—from Alberta members in the far corner, closure was put on, and not another word and not another peep came from our friends in the Social Credit party. There is one advantage we in this party have, Mr. Chairman. Nobody puts closure on me or on any other Liberal member. But apparently it is possible for the great Social Credit party to be dictated to as to when they must and when they must not talk. That is, however, their privilege. If they are not anxious to develop their great province—

Mr. Low: How do you know?

Mr. Cruickshank: If you are not as anxious to develop your great province as is your fine premier, it is not to your credit.

Mr. Low: Maybe we ought to call in the hon. member for Fraser Valley to advise us.

Mr. Cruickshank: It would be a good idea if you called in the member for Fraser Valley to advise your little group. You would then have a far more advantageous stand.

An hon. Member: Order.

Mr. Cruickshank: I do not have to be called to order by the hon. member from Charlotte-town or any other member from the maritimes. If the chairman calls me to order, I will sit down; but I will not be called to order by any maritimer, I will tell you that right now; and particularly after what we have done for the maritimes, and how we have supported them.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Gauthier (Portneuf): You still have forty minutes to go.

An hon. Member: Filibuster.

Mr. Cruickshank: Filibuster nothing. And even if it is a filibuster, I am not ashamed of the fact that it is, when I am fighting for my own province and for my own riding.

Mr. Gauthier (Portneuf): That is quite an admission.

Mr. Cruickshank: I notice one thing about my friends here. We were asked just a short time ago by certain interests from the province of Ontario to raise the tariff on pipes in order to protect a concern at Hamilton, and my friends did not object to a little filibuster then; but some eight western Canadian members prevented that. I understand what some members said, and it is apropos of our argument that we need this natural gas to develop industry and to decentralize it in Canada. I remember very well one member who was in favour of the United States route advocating that his province and two other provinces secede from Canada because it cost \$40 more for a frigidaire in his district. That is a different story. I should like him to answer that. He is good at talking when he is working against the prosperity of western Canada; but when he wants to bring these frigidaires in \$40 cheaper, he would advocate that three great provinces of Canada secede from the British empire on account of a frigidaire.

I do not want to go back too long to the committee we had the other day, Mr. Chairman; because, as I said, I do not think that committee or any such committee that ever sat in this house was a credit to it. It was dominated and dictated to by one member.

An hon. Member: You should have been on it.

Mr. Cruickshank: Yes; I should like to have been on it.

An hon. Member: Why weren't you?

Mr. Cruickshank: If any of you people want to make a speech that is all right; and if any of my friends behind the curtain have