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government to undertake plans to build a pipeline, or series of pipelines, stretching from Prudhoe Bay down through Canada to the United States. What was the result? From all sides we had people whining about the ecology, about the loss of nesting places for the whooping cranes and grazing land for the caribou. People just did not know that caribou are quite capable of looking after themselves. We should have undertaken the necessary research at once. Our Prime Minister went over to Russia and saw how our Russian friends build pipelines in the north. I say that anything they can do we can do better. If we wanted to, we could build a pipeline from Prudhoe Bay and have Canadians invest in it. It would probably be the biggest single development in the history of the oil and gas industry in Canada.

But what have we done up until now? We have had nothing but wrangling, nothing but whining, nothing but criticism of things we know nothing about. A few years ago if we had placed experts to work, and backed them with a few millions of dollars, by now such a pipeline would be half completed, and we would not have to worry about oil being piped across Alaska and shipped down the west coast. A pipeline from Prudhoe Bay through the centre of North America, taking the shortest route between the wells and the market, is a project, of the type that can be undertaken by good, aggressive, free-thinking Canadians. We could hand the oil over at the border to good, strong, free-thinking Americans.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a brief point of order to bring hon. members up to date on the business of the House for the rest of the week. Further to our announcement on Friday about the possibility of holding an opposition day this week, it has now been agreed that Thursday will be an opposition day and that the subject matter for debate on that day will be determined by the Creditistes. That will have a distorting effect on the four days that had been allotted this week for the subject matters that were announced on Friday, and adjustments will have to be made to make sure that the full number of hours allotted to the four subjects mentioned on Friday will be available for discussion of them.

The first of those subjects was international income, to be debated today, and tomorrow; under mining and petroleum, we propose to deal with sections 21, 35, 46 to 48 inclusive, 59, 64 to 66 inclusive, 87 and 124. This will then leave, beginning on Wednesday, corporations and their shareholders, which will involve discussion on the following sections: 36 to 41 inclusive, 82 to 84 inclusive, 89, 112, 121 to 125 inclusive, 129, 143 and 181 to 197 inclusive. The fourth of the categories which will be dealt with this week is business and property income, which would be commenced on Friday and concluded on Monday, depending on the exact adjustment made to compensate for the fact that discussion on corporations and their shareholders will begin on Wednesday, because it was specifically undertaken that Wednesday would not be treated as a full day in the decision to give one day to each of those four categories. Therefore, discussion on business and property income will begin some time on Friday and will conclude on Monday. This will include sections 14 to 19 inclusive, 22 to 26 inclusive, 28, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 50 to 59 inclusive, 104 to 108 inclusive, 122, 130, 131, 132, 138 to 142 inclusive and 208 to 211 inclusive. Those sections are all contained in the list which I filed when I made the announcement of business last Friday.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Order. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. Macquarrie)—External Affairs; the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent)—External Affairs; the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis)—National Anthem.

Mr. Osler: Mr. Chairman, in considering this subject we must consider the real world in which we live, and try to make our legislation appropriate to that real world. So far this afternoon we have heard things which may have been at a bit of a tangent to the subject. I am sorry the hon. member for Pembina is not in the chamber because I do not like to speak about a member when he is not present. I hope he is behind the curtain and will return. He said that we were blaming the United States for all our troubles. I have never heard people blaming the United States for all our troubles.

• (5:00 p.m.)

Mr. Alexander: Not yet, wait until the elections.

Mr. Osler: I have heard a lot of people blame some parties for blaming the United States for all our troubles, but I have not heard the parties blaming the United States. We are not saying that anybody has offended. We are saying that we do not like the way they put on surcharges or discount programs against us when, even by their own criteria, we are not offending them.

The hon. member for Pembina said, "We must trade to live" and he somehow hooked that in with the idea that we were being offensive to the United States, that we should be trading with the United States to live. Of course, we should. His own former leader and the former outstanding prime minister, a genuine voice from my part of the country, was the first in modern times to see the danger that has materialized and to endeavour to divert 15 per cent of our trade from the United States to other parts of the world.

Mr. Peters: It is too bad the Liberals didn't do it.

Mr. Osler: Yes it is too bad that they did not manage to do it, but they have managed to do more than has ever been done before and they are still endeavouring to do it. My part of the country depends on trade more than any other, and when I go about it is pitiful to hear people in various mealy-mouthed opposition parties saying that our Prime Minister travels too much trying to drum up trade.

Mr. Dinsdale: Trade?

Mr. Osler: We need trade in order to sell our manufactured goods and farm products, yet when people go out to try to get it they get blamed for it.

The hon. member for Waterloo said that this country does not have to live off other people. I wish he had gone to Assiniboia to tell that to the people he was trying to