

The WITNESS: The Fraser River is one place I can say is utterly and completely impossible. I think everyone will agree with me on that, that you cannot bring a gas pipe line down the Fraser River.

Mr. GREEN: That is, the lower Fraser?

The WITNESS: Through the canyon part of the Fraser River.

*By Mr. Murray:*

Q. I am thinking of the upper Fraser from Mount Robson down through the Caribou country?—A. I think that is fairly easy going. I have not been there but I have talked to people who have. Then when you get to the head of the canyon you are stuck.

Q. Not necessarily. The route of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Squamish would offer a possible route.—A. That would be too expensive. The cost of that would be fabulous from what I have heard of the terrain there.

Mr. SMITH: How would you get from Squamish into Vancouver?

*By Mr. Connolly:*

Q. You have made some population studies in connection with your market survey. Would you like to say something about the market surveys you have made?—A. I do not think I have the figures on population. I have not got the figures here immediately available on the total population that will be served excepting—

Q. Can you give a general review of what the market possibilities are for those lines?—A. Well, first, in the British Columbit area, outside of the area that would be served around Vancouver, New Westminster, and that general metropolitan area, in British Columbia we would serve thirty-two thousand people.

Mr. SMITH: Thirty-two thousand services?

The WITNESS: No, thirty-two thousand people. The chief population is in Trail, Rossland, Cranbrook, Kimberley.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Have you considered Nelson at all?

The WITNESS: Nelson, yes. that is part of the general area; it would serve all that general area around Trail and Kimberley.

Mr. JONES: Is that on the all-Canadian route?

The WITNESS: We hope to get a profit up there but we have not developed that yet; I do not know whether it is possible or not; they are scattered along quite an area and whether or not we can serve them, I do not know.

Mr. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I understand that not only one pipe line will be eventually built to the coast. At the present time we have granted a charter to one and one is applying and soon we will have three gathering gas in Alberta in the same area and delivering to the same customers on the coast. I understand that it is not economically sound to have three pipe lines. Each company is going to serve the coast, but on what basis? Is it on the basis of cheapness which results from the location of the route to be followed or on what basis is it? Can we find out which? I do not know whether you can answer that question or not.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that is hardly a fair question to ask Mr. Dixon; he is not in a position to reply for possible competitors. What do you think, Mr. Dixon?

The WITNESS: Well, I can give some figures that might be helpful, excepting for the areas that are around Vancouver which a pipe line would serve. As near as we can figure the projected line of ours would serve around thirty-two thousand customers in British Columbia, and the Yellowhead route would