

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

Mr. Dufresne: My hon. friends' enthusiasm may cool down a bit when they have taken a good look at what two Ottawa ministers are doing to the one who represents them in Quebec. Does it not look as if they are in the process of putting handcuffs on the Liberal party leader in Quebec, just as if he were the slave of his Ottawa masters?

Here is another picture, Mr. Chairman, showing a free man, who does not belong to the Liberal party, who is not afraid to speak in this house to assert his own and every Canadian's right to freedom. I am speaking of the hon. member for Eglinton (Mr. Fleming).

Mr. Chairman, what the Conservative party wants is a committee to give full consideration to the matter, and to decide whether it is in Canada's interest to lend \$80 million of our taxpayers' money to a foreign corporation. Why not appoint such a committee? Because they are afraid of questions, on the other side of the house. The hon. member for Peel (Mr. Pallett) asked some questions which will most probably remain unanswered.

An hon. Member: Why don't you speak about the pipe line!

Mr. Dufresne: We want a committee that will allow full consideration of the bill now before the house.

Mr. Dupuis: Three cheers for the Lacombe act!

Mr. Dufresne: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member for St. Mary has just uttered a word that painfully struck home. For the past few years I have been sorely tried, and I am still beset by—

An hon. Member: Heavy expense.

Mr. Dufresne:—trials which Providence has seen fit to impose upon me and which I accept like a good Christian. That remark by the hon. member for St. Mary is a cowardly remark, and could only be spoken by a coward such as the hon. member for St. Mary. I hope he will have the courage to repeat outside the house what he just said. Fat-head! No wonder the people of Quebec keep repeating just now "Like father, like son". The hon. member for Dollard (Mr. Rouleau) is not quite as brave as he would have us believe. He is more often behind the curtains than in front of them.

Mr. Chairman, we have asked that the matter be referred to committee, and we will keep on asking it, in the hope that our request will be granted, if there is a little freedom left in this house.

Judging by the press reports we read every day, the people of Canada favour the opposition, the Conservative party, which is now fighting mightily to secure the necessary

information in connection with the bill now before the house. If however, the government feels so sure of their strength, of their numerical strength that is, of their arguments which everybody denies, let them call a general election. It is their duty to consult the people on this important matter of public funds expenditure. Then all Canadians, not only those in the province of Quebec, but all over the country, will be able to look at the coat of arms of the province of Quebec and say: "Je me souviens" (I remember). If the government should go to the people, they would get the people's reply.

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Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): I have a correction that has to do with the figures I gave on the cost of gas. The figures appearing on page 4426 of *Hansard* for May 29, at the end of column 1 and the beginning of column 2, relating to interruptible gas are in error. They were quoted as being the current revised rates, but were read from an unrevised tabulation. The following are the figures quoted, followed by the correct current revised figures: For Manitoba I said 23 cents and it should be 18 cents; western Ontario, 28 cents should be 25 cents; northern Ontario, 32 cents should be 29·5 cents; central Ontario, 33 cents should be 30 cents; eastern Ontario, 33 cents should be 30·5 cents. Hon. members will find that the figures appearing on page 4428 are correctly stated.

Mr. Diefenbaker: You had better get Trans-Canada to revise its statement in Washington.

Mr. Dupuis: Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Michener: Arising out of what the minister has just said—

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Brown, Essex West): Does the hon. member wish to rise on a question of privilege?

Mr. Michener: I was asking the hon. member who is taking the floor if he would permit me to ask a supplementary question.

Mr. Dupuis: You can ask your question afterward. You have been asking so many questions you should let somebody else speak, unless the minister wants to answer.

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): Yes, please.

Mr. Michener: I have been looking at the corrected figures and I should like to draw the attention of the minister to the fact that this statement appears on page 4428 of *Hansard* for May 29, in the second column:

During the first three years only, gas may be accepted at Canadian-United States border at 75 per cent load factor, with price payable to Trans-Canada 27·27 cents per MCF.