

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

the last few elections and they have always been rejected. Now they are building up this closure issue.

Mr. Chairman, some people may think that what has happened was not premeditated. I tell you that this has been one of the greatest hoaxes ever perpetrated on the Canadian people, and I shall tell you why. I am not going to dwell upon it because it is a shameful incident. It is the destruction of a man who might have been the leader of the Conservative party, and they have left their mark upon him. They perpetrated this hoax upon the country. I am not going to go further than that. A man who up to this time was respected in the country, refused to obey the rules of the house and take his seat when the Speaker called upon him to do so.

Mr. Bell: The government has gone just about as far as it can go.

Mr. Carrick: The Speaker requested him to sit down and he refused to sit down. I say he is a sacrifice for the ambitions of somebody else and I am sorry it happened to him—

An hon. Member: Look after yourself.

Mr. Carrick: The Leader of the Opposition knows very well what has happened. He is a very experienced lawyer. Let me tell you what happens in court. Counsel sometimes are representing an accused and know they have a hopeless case. What do they do? They know if they can impress the jury that the judge is siding with the crown representative they increase their chances of an acquittal.

An hon. Member: They will never get you.

Mr. Carrick: The Leader of the Opposition knows he has a hopeless case.

An hon. Member: What have you?

Mr. Carrick: He has challenged the authority of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker, and somebody has indicated tonight they are going to do the same thing with the committee chairman. I tell you, Mr. Chairman, this kind of thing should not be tolerated.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Carrick: One of the leading members of that group has been suspended from the house. One wonders where this will end. We are on the road to anarchy. They are the ones who are destroying democracy in this country. That is where it will end.

An hon. Member: You said it.

Mr. Carrick: I have a moment in which to tell you why this is important to the C.C.F. and the Conservative parties. They know if this pipe line is built they are through in the next election, and I will tell you why. If the

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western section of the pipe line is built and the loan is repaid to the Canadian government, it will mean they are finished in the next election. They sit there and know it like we do.

Suppose the loan is not repaid. The federal government is in a position to take the line over for 90 per cent of the cost, as the C.C.F. are demanding we take it over now. Where would that leave the C.C.F. in an election? Where would it leave the Conservatives in an election? That is why there is such a desperate effort to block this legislation. They know their fate in the next election is hanging on this very matter, and that is why there is such a desperate effort to block this legislation.

The sordid party purposes which lie behind the efforts of the opposition will be best described in the scathing words of Sir Francis Bacon who said about a similar group of men: "They care not what happens to the ship of state so long as they save the cockpit of their own fortunes."

Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain): You scuttled the ship.

Mr. Monteith: Mr. Chairman, we have just heard quite an oration from the hon. member for Trinity.

An hon. Member: An oration is right.

Mr. Monteith: I was watching the clock and the hon. member spent exactly 14 minutes speaking on closure and on other subjects that are entirely out of order, and eventually he finished up by spending one or two minutes on the pipe line.

He intimated, Mr. Chairman, that the Prime Minister as of last Wednesday offered us an opportunity of speaking all Wednesday evening and all day Saturday, and he asked us why we did not take it. You know very well, sir. The Prime Minister said that in one breath and in the next breath he gave notice of closure in the committee stage. As the Leader of the Opposition mentioned following that, what was that other than a nice, keen sharp axe with a velvet cover over it? That is all it could possibly be. How long are we going to have to put up with that sort of thing?

Mr. Hosking: We have put up with it for 21 days.

Mr. Monteith: When I first came here, Mr. Chairman, I considered it a great honour to be elected by the citizens of Perth county to represent them in the House of Commons.

An hon. Member: Don't you now?

Mr. Monteith: I considered it a great privilege to be here in this twenty-second parliament of Canada. What do we see today? A