

Dated at Ottawa on the 11th day of May, 1949"—which was at least a month after they had made that so-called promise to the committee.

I come from the area described and I know it well enough to say that they do not intend to stop at Kingsgate. Kingsgate is a little border town and has only the customs and immigration officials there. They would not just make a branch line to Trail. They intend in that application to follow the yellow route—route C.

Mr. SMITH: That was withdrawn long ago.

Mr. BYRNE: If this amendment were one that at least allowed the company if necessary, to follow that black line—

Mr. FERGUSON: What black line?

Mr. BYRNE: The blue line. If you follow the straight and narrow line you will do all right.

As I was saying, following the dark line from Kingsgate down to Spokane and down to the bottom—in a sort of a horseshoe—

An Hon. MEMBER: What about the horseshoe?

Mr. BYRNE: It is so rugged in that area that it is not practical to make anything but a jog down into the United States.

Now, the only town of any consequence that would be missed would be the town of Creston, which is, I suppose, probably eight or nine miles from Kingsgate. A stub line could very easily be brought into Creston—thereby not depriving anyone in that area from obtaining natural gas.

I cannot conceive that my honourable friends are sincere in this amendment in that they are obliging the company not to consider any other but that route—which is route A. I do not think the movers of this amendment are sincere in their efforts to do what is in the best interests of the Canadian people. If so, they would not erase any possibility of even just going back and forth across the line in an attempt to get the gas to the Pacific coast at the very cheapest rates possible.

Now, I say again that I possibly should only have referred to my previous objections but the questions which arose certainly made it necessary for me to say what I have said.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, the cheapest route is not necessarily the best...

The VICE CHAIRMAN: Routes are out of order.

Mr. FERGUSON: I beg your pardon?

The VICE CHAIRMAN: Routes are out of order.

Mr. GREEN: But Mr. Chairman, is that your ruling?

The VICE CHAIRMAN: You are asking for a route to be located entirely in Canada...

Mr. GREEN: Is the route not in order?

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, my remark was that the cheapest route was not always the best one and you ruled me out of order.

The VICE CHAIRMAN: Yes. The cheapest route is not...

Mr. FERGUSON: If you are able to interpret the second part of my sentence then I think that you would not...

Mr. GREEN: All the discussion is on this amendment.

The VICE CHAIRMAN: The question is whether it will be a route in Canada or outside of Canada?

Mr. GREEN: A question of order?

The VICE CHAIRMAN: Sit down.