

The Budget—Mr. Sevigny

Mr. Bourget: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I apologize for interrupting my hon. friend. He said he was reading an article from *Le Devoir* and, unless I am mistaken, I think he is adding his own interpretation to that article. In my opinion, he should tell us whether he is reading the article textually or whether he is adding to it his own impressions.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Bourget: Mr. Speaker, allow me to be more explicit.

Some hon. Members: Order. This is not a point of order.

Mr. Bourget: This is very important, for the minister may give us to understand that he is reading textually from Mr. Filion's article in *Le Devoir*. He should read separately the article first, and then add his own remarks.

Mr. Sevigny: Mr. Speaker, in reply to that interjection, I must admit the hon. member for Levis is right. I should have mentioned that Mr. Filion's article ended after the sentence: "We find in it some good, less good and definitely bad things", and that my interpretation began when I said that those good things are those which have been copied from the Conservative party's program; that the less good things are those ultra-socialistic suggestions recommending extravagant expenses; and that the bad things are those which clearly tend to the left, an unfortunate tendency of the present leaders of that party, which was once great but which now seems to have forgotten the principles of Laurier and other Liberal leaders who followed him.

And today, we find that our friends opposite have forgotten none of those mistakes which caused them to be swept out of office on June 10, 1957. And we find also that they have learned nothing. I think I am justified in saying that the Canadian people will not, for a long time, trust them once again as they did for 22 years.

Mr. Bourget: You seem to forget very easily the by-election in Labelle.

Mr. Pigeon: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The hon. member for Levis is not entitled to speak from his seat.

Mr. Sevigny: Mr. Speaker, I think it is five o'clock. May I resume my remarks at eight o'clock?

[Mr. Sevigny.]

(Text):

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being five o'clock, the house will now proceed to the consideration of private and public bills, the former having precedence, pursuant to section 3 of standing order 15.

PRIVATE BILLS

AURORA PIPE LINE COMPANY

The house resumed, from Tuesday, January 17, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chown (for Mr. Woolliams) for the second reading of Bill No. S-2, to incorporate Aurora Pipe Line Company.

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, it will be recalled that when this matter was up for debate initially a week ago, because of the time limit I had the opportunity to say just a few sentences. I should like to make a few other brief comments about the bill before us to incorporate Aurora Pipe Line Company.

When private bills such as this, which originate in the Senate, come before us we usually look to the debates in the other place and to the proceedings of the committees to which such bills are referred, for guidance as it were, or for information about the structure of the particular company, its objectives, its finances and all of the other details with which we would be concerned. Unfortunately, in this instance we are deprived of the opportunity of discovering what sort of discussion took place in the committee on transport and communication of the Senate because no verbatim report of the proceedings was kept there.

In reviewing the debate on second reading in the other place we find that the Hon. Senator Thorvaldson, who sponsored the bill and who moved the second reading of it, confined his introductory remarks to the reading of a press release issued by the petitioning company, and which was rather sparse in the information which it gave to the long range or short range effects which would flow from the incorporation of this company. I feel that the worst feature, perhaps, of this is the lack of a verbatim report of the Senate transport and communications committee. This fact does not give us a full opportunity to secure the information which members of that committee gleaned from the representatives who appeared before it.

I did undertake, as I am sure the hon. members did, to discover what I could by means of a telephone conversation with the committee branch of the other place. There were minutes kept of the proceedings, I give this as background information to indicate that this was not a bill about which there was