

*Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation*

read from *Hansard* for May 22 at page 4215, the comments of the hon. member for Kingston:

I have been gratified to note that in this house on the votes on the introduction of this legislation, the Liberal members in the big market potential area along the north shores of lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence river have voted unanimously in favour of the introduction of this bill. In other words they have voted for the immediate transmission of natural gas to their areas as an alternative source of energy.

At the same time the Conservative members for Ontario, Prince Edward-Lennox and Leeds constituencies have voted against it. Why? Can they go home and say to their electorate, "Your need for an alternative source of fuel is different in Oshawa than in Belleville, is different in Napanee than in Kingston, is different in Brockville than in Cornwall," or can they say, "You do not need natural gas until years from now." I am sure we will note with interest their explanation to their electorate of their objections to this legislation.

I may say, Mr. Chairman, we have no objection to the trans-Canada pipe line, but I know the citizens of Leeds county—knowing them to be the true Canadian citizens they are—would not tolerate my supporting this legislation. If I voted for the bill as it stands at the present, and if I voted for the closure motions that have been brought into this house, I would have to hang my head in shame when I went back to my own constituency.

The closure motion has created a rebellion amongst people across Canada. Every place we go we hear of it. Even Liberal newspapers have voiced disapproval of the government's action. I have in my hand a list of Liberal papers which are drastically opposed to this legislation and to closure. This list includes the *Winnipeg Free Press*, the *Saskatchewan Star-Phoenix*, the *Toronto Daily Star* and many others. Closure is something which has been wrongly perpetrated upon hon. members of parliament. It is a disgrace to the government which is ruling us at the present time. When I use the word "ruling" I mean it, because the government is ruling us in these proceedings just as Napoleon ruled his army.

Social Credit members have voted with the government, but I can understand their attitude. I specifically mention the Social Credit members from Alberta, because I believe the Social Credit members from British Columbia are just trailing along. They are anxious to sell their gas and they do not care how they get it out of Alberta. They do not care by what means they get it out or who pays the shot. They are adopting a dog in the manger attitude in order to get it out. They do not care who has to finance it.

If the Social Credit government of Alberta has so much money, as they are always saying; if that government is such a wonderful government, if they are in such good financial

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circumstances as they say they are, if they are making as much money as they say they are, why do they not furnish the money to build this trans-Canada pipe line across the prairie provinces? They are the ones who are so anxious for it. If it is such a good investment let them invest their money in it and not ask other parts of Canada which will receive no conceivable benefit from it to invest their money.

After listening to and watching the proceedings of the Liberal government and the Liberal cabinet and the Speaker of the house during the past two days, especially today; after listening to their remarks, I should like to quote from a speech made by Edmund Burke on March 22, 1765, during a debate on conciliation with the colonies, when he said:

A great empire and little minds go ill together.

As I said before, many people across Canada and many organizations are protesting against this closure motion and against the pipe-line bill. I wonder if the members of the government and government supporters have telegrams and letters piled up on their desks, as many Conservative members have, congratulating them on the attitude they have taken on this bill and on this closure. I think not. Church organizations which have prided themselves on staying out of politics have attacked this closure motion, and in this connection I quote:

The session of Olde Davenport United Church in midtown Toronto voted last night to petition Governor General Massey to dissolve parliament and call a general election over the natural gas pipe line dispute.

The petition was based on the contention that:

1. Many Canadians are opposed to the loan because it is to be made to an alien firm for a domestic project.

2. Canadians haven't been given a chance to express their attitude.

3. That a cabinet minister, not named in the petition, has opposed putting the measure before the people.

4. The government is due to expire shortly anyway.

"We are sending this petition because we feel our democratic rights as Canadians are being misused."

No words could be truer. Last year we had the big debate on the ridiculous defence production bill, and this year we have the Trans-Canada bill, this vicious bill. No doubt next year, if this same Liberal government is here, the citizens of this country will wake up some morning and read in the press—that is the only way we can get any information from this government; we get it in the press next day—that this cabinet has passed an order in council inviting the Russian government to come over here and man the D.E.W. line for which they will be paid magnificently.