

source of the gas that is being exported to the west coast. In any event, the Gas Conservation Board of Alberta will have the matter placed before it, and it will decide whether or not there is enough gas to serve both eastern and western markets.

Hon. Mr. Lambert: Does my honourable friend anticipate a relaxation in the present order of the Gas Conservation Board of Alberta, which states that at the present time there is no gas for export from that province?

Hon. Mr. Bouffard: I understand that the Gas Conservation Board has postponed the consideration of all applications until next September, when it will be in a better position than it is today to decide whether there is enough gas for Alberta's needs and for distribution all across Canada.

Hon. Mr. Davis: May I ask a question? The Minister of Trade and Commerce last Saturday issued an order restricting steel. Does my honourable friend believe that he can get enough steel to carry out this pipeline project?

Hon. Mr. Bouffard: I regret that I cannot answer that question at the present time, but I shall try to get the information for my honourable friend.

Hon. Mr. Gladstone: Honourable senators will recall that in the session of 1950 there was a prolonged debate in the other place about the incorporation of various pipe-line companies. As there will no doubt be many applications this year, such a debate will likely take place again. Whether we are for or against the measure now before us, it occurs to me that it might be well to delay consideration of this bill and see what develops.

Hon. Mr. Bouffard: Honourable senators, my answer to that suggestion is that if we want to know what will be the attitude of the other house, at least one bill must be submitted. I would point out that the long debate which took place last year was occasioned by the fact that the companies then seeking incorporation wanted to distribute gas not only in Canada but in the Southern United States, and that gave rise to considerable opposition in the other place. The attitude of the house was that the gas should be kept for use in Canada. The bill now before the Senate is to incorporate a company to do the very thing which the other house thought should be done, namely distribute Canadian gas within Canada.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read a second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Bouffard moved that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

The motion was agreed to.

PRIVATE BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Salter A. Hayden (for Hon. Mr. Campbell) moved second reading of Bill G, an Act to incorporate Traders General Insurance Company.

He said: Honourable senators, this company when incorporated will have the power to underwrite all classes of insurance and re-insurance, other than life, in each province in Canada. Its intention is to specialize in automobile insurance of the collision, fire, theft and conversion type, related mainly, if not entirely, to the sale of automobiles on the instalment plan.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: Does the company look forward to engaging in health insurance and business of that nature?

Hon. Mr. Hayden: Its incorporation will give it power to write all classes of insurance and re-insurance, other than life.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: That would cover fire insurance?

Hon. Mr. Hayden: Yes.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Hayden moved that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous and Private Bills.

The motion was agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday, consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Stambaugh for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. Thomas V. Grant: Honourable senators, this maiden speech of mine has been postponed so often that the few headings which I have jotted down to keep me on the track are beginning to look more like a maiden lady.

Some Hon. Senators: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. Grant: This is the first time that I have availed myself of the privilege of speaking in this historic chamber, and as it