

Alberta Natural Gas Company

On section 1—*Incorporation.*

Mr. Cruickshank: Mr. Chairman, when the hour for private bills expired last night I had taken five minutes of the time of the house, and I should like to take up a few minutes more tonight* on this subject which is of vital importance to my province and to the economy of Canada. I intend to start in a different way tonight, Mr. Chairman, because I believe that in a matter of such importance as this, we should have the support of all the members of this house. I should like to point out that I have yet to come here with a typewritten speech on these pipe line bills prepared for me by someone else. I have plenty of data that I could quote. In fact, I have a book full of clippings.

I am sorry the Minister of Public Works is leaving, because I am going to refer to something that should be brought to his attention. I am glad to see that he is returning. I do not intend to quote from the data I have compiled, although I could make a forty-minute speech by doing so. I intend to refer to the Chignecto barrier, but I am not going into great detail about it. I received a booklet concerning it, from which I intend to read. I am doing so because I am appealing to some of my friends on the right, and some who are over on the other side, who have spoken disparagingly of the rights of British Columbia.

Mr. Fournier (Maisonneuve-Rosemont): Name them.

Mr. Cruickshank: I have never indulged in personalities in this house, but if the name of one is required I shall name the member for Charlotte.

Mr. Stuart (Charlotte): And he will speak in that manner again when he has the opportunity.

Mr. Cruickshank: I shall quote what the people in his own district say. I am not going into details about this Chignecto barrier, but this is the little booklet I got today entitled "The Voice of the Maritimes". So far as I have been able to ascertain in this house, the voice of the maritimes has completely forgotten the maritimes of the great Pacific. This booklet calls for the construction of the Chignecto canal. I wonder if some of those maritime members who are opposing justice for the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia will answer? I am going to put on *Hansard* the various organizations that took the trouble to mail this to me, and I presume to other members, at great trouble and expense to themselves. It appears to have

[Mr. Deputy Speaker.]

been published and distributed by the Chignecto canal committee, Sackville, New Brunswick. I understand that New Brunswick is part of the maritimes. British Columbia has supported every move that part of the country has made for justice.

Before I continue, I should like to draw to the attention of the Minister of Public Works the fact that this booklet contains a nice map in which he may be interested some day. It covers the territory from the gulf of St. Lawrence to the bay of Fundy. If that canal is ever built, and I do not say that it should not be built, the people of Canada will be called upon to pay for it, including British Columbia and the riding of Fraser Valley. They have paid for the Welland canal, and every other development in eastern Canada.

Mr. Stuart (Charlotte): Including the diking of the Fraser valley.

Mr. Cruickshank: The hon. member will have an opportunity of speaking, and I shall be only too glad to hear the member for Charlotte speak, but not about petty smuggling across the line in his district. I live on the American border but we do not worry about the mounted police or smuggling because we are honest people in that district.

I am now going to name the different local committees supporting the construction of the Chignecto canal. They are located at Amherst, N.S.; Annapolis Royal, N.S.; Bathurst, N.B.; Bear River, N.S.; Campbellton, N.B.; Canso, N.S.; Caraquet, N.B.; Carleton county, N.B.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Chatham, N.B.; Chipman, N.B.; Clarke's Harbour, N.S.; Dalhousie, N.B.; Digby, N.S.; Edmundston, N.B.; Fredericton, N.B.; Grand Falls, N.B.; Grand Manan, N.B.; Hantsport, N.S.; Hartland, N.B.; Kentville, N.S.; Moncton, N.B., and Newcastle, N.B.

The Chairman: Order. I do not think the remarks of the hon. member are relevant to the item under consideration.

Mr. Cruickshank: Mr. Chairman, I will bow to your ruling because the people of the maritimes will know that when their members will not support British Columbia, Alberta, and the whole economy of Canada in the development of the resources of Canada for Canadians, they cannot expect our support in the construction of the work mentioned in this booklet. We are only asking that the Canadian route be adopted for the development of the resources of our own province.

I was interested in hearing the member for Coast-Capilano outline why we believe the timber of Canada should be processed within our own dominion. I have made that