

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

as Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation for the purpose of building a bridge through northern Ontario, which we were told was the difficult part of the line. Any suggestion that this area presented difficulty was not put forward in the first place in this house by any member of the opposition; it was put forward by the Minister of Trade and Commerce as the only justification for that first proposal that public money should be put up to finance this venture.

Now we have something different; now we have something very different. We have a motion before us incorporating the same provision that the Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation is to be set up for the purpose, amongst others, of constructing, maintaining and operating a natural gas pipe line between the Ontario-Manitoba border and Kapuskasing, Ontario, and of leasing with an option to purchase such natural gas pipe line to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited and carrying out such leases, including the disposal by the corporation of such pipe line in connection with such purchase option, and to provide that the Minister of Finance may lend money to the corporation for such purposes.

The purpose is to set up a crown corporation to build this northern pipe line. Now we have something which completely defeats that purpose. We are told that in addition there is going to be an arrangement by which the money advanced to the crown corporation can be used for another purpose. That money, the money of the Canadian taxpayer, can be advanced to build a line in western Canada. Up to \$80 million of the \$130 million that will go to this crown corporation can be used for that purpose. Therefore the crown corporation will not have money left to proceed with the northern Ontario bridge. What is now before us defeats the very purpose that was first incorporated in this resolution.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce has talked about a declaration of independence. This is a declaration of complete dependence. Why is the Minister of Trade and Commerce so interested in Trans-Canada Pipe Lines? Why has he refused to consider anything else? Why is that alone the chosen instrument of the government? Why will that alone be heard in any discussion that takes place? The Minister of Trade and Commerce has just told us in the last few minutes that closure is going to be moved tomorrow, that the guillotine is going to be applied.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Drew: I want to place on record the fact that Liberal members behind you and to the right are shouting "Hear, hear."

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[Mr. Drew.]

Mr. Drew: I repeat, there are loud "Hear, hears" from the Liberal members to the suggestion that closure be applied. I want that recorded in *Hansard*, because I want it known that it is not only the Minister of Trade and Commerce but that it is the Liberal party as a whole—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Drew: Well, one thing that is left without any uncertainty is that every Liberal member of this house shares the responsibility for the denial of ordinary parliamentary rights to the members of this House of Commons.

Mr. Garson: The Liberal party as a whole does not want another Drew power shortage in the province of Ontario.

Mr. Rowe: You created the shortage, your party in Ontario.

Mr. Drew: The Minister of Justice knows as little about this as he knows about most other things of which he speaks. I am not going to remind him of certain power shortages there were in the province of Manitoba at a time he had some responsibilities there. There was a war on, and that had something to do with shortage of supplies—

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): That was long before.

Mr. Drew:—and that affected a great many people. But as far as the question of power shortages is concerned, may I say, in spite of the interference of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, we were able to build up power supplies in Ontario very satisfactorily under a Conservative government at that time.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce has suggested that we should make perfectly clear where we stand. I shall make it perfectly clear. I made it clear on March 15, the one other day in this whole session when we have been permitted to debate this subject on a motion. This is what I said at that time, as recorded at page 2182 of *Hansard*:

I want to put certain suggestions before the house and for the consideration of the government, in the hope that they may be prepared to listen to the words of the Prime Minister when he told the house last year that he did not like this method. First, refer the whole question immediately to a committee of this house to obtain the facts and make appropriate recommendations. Second, insist upon the reorganization of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines as an all-Canadian company which can proceed immediately and under Canadian control. Third, if Trans-Canada cannot carry out its undertaking, then open the whole matter and permit new interests to make their proposals for an all-Canadian line, Canadian controlled. Fourth, if it can be shown, and I doubt that it is so, that part of the pipe line must be built as the government asserts on this occasion, then instead