

Q. Now, if you were to transport oil would you transport it by the same route?—A. That would be impossible to say; it might be and it might not. We have no plans on the subject and do not know where we will get oil; we do not have any plans whatever.

Q. Of course you have neither oil nor gas?—A. Well we have contracts for gas.

Q. But you have not any gas that you have developed yourself?—A. No, and we do not expect to have.

Q. Can oil be piped by a gas line?—A. No, unless it ceases to be a gas line—you have to change it in many respects.

Q. You know, Mr. Dixon, that in the Senate last fall you were asked: "Now the type of construction you have in mind, Mr. Dixon, would allow this pipe line to be converted to an oil line?"

And your answer was:

"Any gas line can be converted to an oil line by putting in pumping stations in place of compressor stations."

A. That is true but you cannot use it at the same time for both. It has to be changed.

Q. Once you have this pipe line installed it can be switched over to oil?—A. It would take probably a year to do it.

Q. But it could be done?—A. Oh yes, it could be done.

Q. And you agree, as I understand it, that there will only be one line, in the practical working out of this problem, from Alberta to the Pacific coast, because there is only a market on the Pacific coast for the products of one line?—A. As of the moment that is true.

Q. No possibility?—A. No, I did not say that; I say, as of the moment.

Q. And once a pipe line such as that contemplated is installed, how long will that pipe line be of use?—A. As long as there is gas to supply it and market facilities.

Q. How long would the pipe line of itself be of use?—A. I know of pipe lines over 50 years old and still in good condition.

Q. I understand that you have given evidence somewhere else to the effect that once this pipe line is installed it is good for one hundred years?—A. I think that is more or less true. It is like a railroad is good. You keep repairing it; if any part of it is in an area that is rusty well you repair that part. In the course of time you may not have much of the original steel but the pipe line is still going.

Q. We are then considering a problem which is going to affect several generations, are we not? This is a long range proposition?—A. Certainly you cannot build a pipe line unless you feel secure for at least twenty years.

Q. Now, Mr. Dixon, so far you have made no attempt to compare your route through the Crow's Nest Pass with a route through the Yellowhead Pass, is not that right?—A. No, I cannot say that, as I have taken a look at the Yellowhead. But in considering the possibilities of the Yellowhead Pass we did not make a careful study of it such as we have done in the case of the Crow's Nest Pass.

Q. Your study was of the Crow's Nest Pass and any consideration given to the Yellowhead Pass was merely incidental?—A. That was as to the elimination of that route at first, as the other area seemed better to concentrate our efforts on. We would have to spend at least \$25,000 before we would be in position to compare the Crow's Nest Pass with Yellowhead.

Q. You have spent \$350,000 to date on your investigation but you have not felt that it was worth while to spend \$25,000 to make this investigation of Yellowhead?—A. That is correct.