

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation

Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain): I wonder if the hon. member would permit a question?

Mr. Richardson: Certainly.

Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain): Just a few moments ago the hon. member for St. Lawrence-St. George made the statement that the leader of this party had made the statement yesterday that Trans-Canada Pipe Lines was the only company which was in a position to build this pipe line. I challenge him to read that statement.

Mr. Hees: That is what you said.

Mr. Richardson: Just a moment; I shall deal with that in my own time. I have recalled—

Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain): Just as responsible as some of the other statements you have made.

Mr. Richardson: I have recalled for the benefit of hon. members and myself section 49 of the British North America Act. I also put on the record, because we have gone back on the other side hundreds of years to put quotations upon the record—Cromwell was put before us about 10 days ago and the hon. member for Prince Albert made some old quotations today—a quotation from Magna Carta.

Mr. Hees: Here comes Walter, so you had better shut up. Take my tip and sit down if you want to be a parliamentary assistant.

Mr. Richardson: Mr. Chairman, I have heard that the hon. member for Broadview has his own particular personal ambitions, and that is quite all right.

Mr. Hodgson: Well, that is settling yours right now.

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I think perhaps the time has come when I should remind the committee that the hon. member who has the floor should be permitted to speak. A certain amount of interjection, of course, is regarded as part of the cut and thrust of debate, but there is a limit.

Mr. Hodgson: Two minutes overtime right now.

Mr. Richardson: If the great party of martyrdom does not want to hear Magna Carta, it is all right with me.

Mr. Knowles: Give us habeas corpus.

Mr. Richardson: I still propose, because I think it is a historic document, to give the quotation. I am sure that I have some friends within this house somewhere, probably in that corner; some I think in that

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corner; some in the centre there, and a good many right on this side,—

Mr. Hees: Do not forget Walter to your right.

Mr. Richardson:—who will still listen to a document to which this parliament owes some allegiance. Section 49 of Magna Carta reads thus:

In all those things which are appointed to be done by these 25 barons, if it happen that all the 25 have been present and have differed in their opinions about anything, or if some of them who had been summoned would not or could not be present, that which the greater part of those who were present shall have provided and decreed, shall be held as firm and as valid as if all the 25 had agreed in it.

Mr. Knowles: Is there anything about closure in Magna Carta?

Mr. Fleming: Was that not before there was a parliament?

Mr. Richardson: You can continue to waste my allotment if you like, and I shall not complain. Perhaps that is one of the penalties and one of the virtues of legislative assemblies in which we give at least lip service to free speech.

An hon. Member: You said it.

Mr. Richardson: I had thought, Mr. Chairman, that all of us came here, and I do not doubt that we have, with great respect for the oath that we have taken. Do not let us be childish at all times. I am not trying to lecture anyone any more than myself. Within the country, in the galleries, at various places tonight throughout this country people are thinking, what are the 264 men, our representatives, doing in parliament? We shall have to come, sooner or later, to make a decision upon this question.

Mr. Ellis: Not knuckling down to one man.

Mr. Richardson: I do not, even as the hon. member for Regina City has suggested, knuckle down to one man or any number of men except those who have allegiance to the country, who have loyalty and are conscientiously trying to do the best they can under many difficult circumstances. Let some of those who bray so loudly come over and sit on the front benches. They are never likely to have that opportunity, but when they come, Mr. Chairman, they will go into the silent places to ask good Providence to sometimes ask the men who have differing opinions to hear them out and try to see if, as common, decent Canadian citizens they cannot do the right thing for this country.

The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre has been very kind, as he usually is, to me. I have tried to keep my remarks