

*Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation*

he would be doing a disservice to Canada? He goes on to say this:

Apparently the Trans-Canada Pipe Lines agreement provides for the quickest and most effective way of bringing gas to Ontario.

Does the hon. gentleman who has just spoken agree with that statement? Then Premier Frost goes on to say this:

Since the very beginning of this country we have recognized there is a price to pay for Canadian independence. If we had not recognized that, certainly there would be no Canada today. In addition to what has been said about the control of this company, whether the Canadian shareholders had the opportunity to take 51 per cent of the stock, or anything of that sort, the fact of the matter is that the construction is in Canada, wholly within the jurisdiction of our country, and is subject to the legislative enactment not only of the government of Canada but of the provinces through which it passes. That in itself is the real essential of control.

Those are words of a man who is not a supporter of this government but who supports the party of which the Leader of the Opposition is leader; and not one word have we had in this debate from anybody sitting behind the Leader of the Opposition for or against the statement of the premier of Ontario. Is it any wonder, then, that the *Globe and Mail*, which has supported the Leader of the Opposition throughout his period as Leader of the Opposition in this house, writing of the attitude of the provincial Conservative party and then directing its attention to the party that sits behind the Leader of the Opposition in this house, the other day carried the following:

What of the Conservatives in Ottawa? They, too, dislike Mr. Howe's method of providing the line. But they do not offer any practicable alternative to it, any alternative which recognizes the need to get the line started and finished without further delay.

Then the *Globe and Mail* goes on to say this:

Mr. George Drew . . . would submit the house scheme to a Commons committee—a sure way of holding up the pipe line for at least another year.

We may well ask "why this opposition?" I am not going to suggest the motives that have inspired the Leader of the Opposition, before this measure was initially discussed in the house, to indicate what he and his colleagues proposed to do.

**Mr. Fulton:** And you have been panicking ever since.

**Mr. Martin:** I am not going to spend much time in reminding the house what the hon. member for Prince Albert said about what he was going to do by holding up the business of the government.

**Mr. Fulton:** You have been panicking.

**Mr. Martin:** I hold in my hand, Mr. Chairman—

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** That statement is as false as your promises about health insurance.

**Mr. Martin:** I hold in my hand—

**Mr. Fulton:** Look at the minister panicking.

**Mr. Martin:** I hold in my hand the reason for the attitude of the opposition. Here is a report that appeared in the *Toronto Daily Star*. These are not my words. These are not the words of a supporter of the Prime Minister. These are the words of a supporter of the Leader of the Opposition, a man who served as a loyal worker contributing his energy and his support to the cause which the Leader of the Opposition has been advocating.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** What did the *Windsor Star* say?

**Mr. Martin:** Here are the headlines:

Drew Plays Politics for East, U.S. Money Vital—Western Tory.

Here is the story:

Calgary, June 1—(CP)—Opposition to the stand of Progressive Conservative leader George Drew on the pipe line issue was voiced yesterday by J. I. Haw, treasurer of the Calgary South Progressive Conservative association, who charged Mr. Drew is "playing politics to maintain his stand in the east".

"He forgets that we in the west must have money from the United States," he said. "What is good for the U.S. is good for Canada, and vice versa. There should not be one bit of argument in that respect—it doesn't hurt Canada one iota."

He says in effect, "My leader should stop playing politics".

**Mr. Fulton:** When are you going to stop playing politics?

**Mr. Martin:** We were told by the hon. member for Assiniboia, who stated on March 7, as reported in the *Ottawa Journal*: "The government ain't seen nothing yet in the way of filibusters, Argue warned last night. He served notice that his party intends to prolong debate on the Trans-Canada gas pipe line issue until the bill is amended. "We are going to stage the biggest filibuster that we have ever had in this country". Having in mind that background, Mr. Chairman, one would want to go back to the words of a respected and senior member of this house, namely the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway, who said this on Thursday last.

**Mr. Ellis:** Read the whole quotation.

**Mr. Martin:** He said:

May I tell hon. members, government members, official opposition members, C.C.F. members and Social Credit members, that I favour closure. The