

to Canadians is that he and the government recognize that the people of Canada are concerned about where the control of this company lies. It is just one of those changes in wording which shows how difficult it sometimes is to follow the statements of the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Speaking to the Canadian club in Toronto on January 30, 1956, the Minister of Trade and Commerce used these words, and I quote from the text of the speech handed out from his office:

Trans-Canada Pipe Lines have, in addition, undertaken that when public financing takes place, at least 51 per cent of the total issue of voting stock will be offered to Canadians.

There is no agreement of any kind which suggests any such thing. The government could not make it enforceable if it wanted to. In any event the government has no undertaking; at least that is what the Minister of Trade and Commerce has told us.

Mr. Rowe: It is a political hope.

Mr. Drew: This is nothing more than an attempt to beguile the Canadian people into believing that their concern is without ground. The government knows that the people want something done, and it wishes to create the impression that it is taking steps to do it. Surely, Mr. Chairman, we are not going to be called upon to wait until the federal power commission in the United States makes up its mind. Surely we are not going to change our whole course and go in for public ownership without an explanation as to why this government has abandoned private ownership. Do not let the government tell us that this is not public ownership. It is just as much public ownership for 675 miles as it is for the whole line.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce referred to the desires of the socialists in this case.

Mr. Howe (Port Arthur): I was including you.

Mr. Drew: I should think that is the kind of remark we would expect from the Minister of Trade and Commerce. If in this particular case the Minister of Trade and Commerce is seeking to demonstrate that there is socialism in public ownership, then this government has declared for socialism because it is asking us now to approve of a publicly owned pipe line which would extend 675 miles from Manitoba to Kapuskasing.

I do not agree at all that this is socialism. I do not agree that public ownership under appropriate conditions is socialism. It would be rather difficult for me to contend that it was in view of my fairly extended association with the largest example of public

Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation ownership in Canada, the Hydro Electric Power Commission of the province of Ontario.

We believe this can be done by private enterprise as was recommended. We believe it is the duty of the government to promote that opportunity. We believe the government should now take steps to reorganize Trans-Canada Pipe Lines. We believe there should be an all-Canadian line which would be entirely independent of any decision made at Washington. We believe that Trans-Canada Pipe Lines as an all-Canadian pipe line should be called upon to carry out its promises made to this parliament in 1951, 1953, 1954 and again in 1955. Furthermore we believe that this company can do it on the basis of the present financial interests, but we do demand that this government assures Canadian control of that enterprise.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce talks about Canadians being reluctant to invest, but it is no wonder they are reluctant to invest when they are denied control as is being denied in so many cases. The Minister of Trade and Commerce has read to us the list of directors of this company. They are all highly respected Canadian businessmen, they are men who would make admirable directors of an all-Canadian company operating within Canada. I would hope it would be possible for them to operate an all-Canadian company, Canadian-financed, in ways this government has already considered, in ways the Prime Minister referred to only eight months ago as being the ways in which he preferred that this should be done.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce spent some time speaking about the position of Ontario. It is well known that Ontario made another recommendation to this government. It is well known that Ontario prefers another method. It is well known that Ontario only adopted the course they have adopted because they want gas in Ontario. They have no control over this. Any talk of this being a joint crown corporation is nonsense. It is a crown corporation set up by this government. There is no legal structure under which a joint crown corporation can be set up. That is eyewash, that is an attempt to deceive the people of this country. It is a crown company set up by this government. They decided, and then they told the Ontario government what they were going to do. The recommendations of that government were not regarded. The Prime Minister knows perfectly well that this is not the course that was recommended by the government of Ontario. The premier of Ontario made that