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share their knowledge with this house, to bring in their experts. We might move another motion so they can go into it further, and another motion, and still another motion for the same purpose. There is plenty of time. I am sure the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Sinclair) will also co-operate. They can come in here and use all the time necessary to tell the whole house all these facts. Let us not vote on a pig in a poke. That is what we are doing if we vote now on this Bill No. 3.

**An hon. Member:** We know what we are doing.

**Mr. Blackmore:** Of course you know. These are the brilliant little fellows who do not know shucks about most things, who have been here hardly long enough to get themselves dry behind the ears; yet they know everything about how to run the country.

**Mr. Knowles:** Too much water around here.

**Mr. Blackmore:** I have lost my place here. I wanted to develop this matter in an orderly fashion. I read on:

Moreover it must not be forgotten that economically, those projects, at a given period of time, are alternatives—

There is nothing alternative about any one of these power-producing projects to this water storage project at Castlegar. There is no possibility that it can be. Just listen to the whole of this beautiful sentence by these graduates of the London school of economics. They must have been well trained in English.

Moreover it must not be forgotten that economically, those projects, at a given period of time, are alternatives and compete against one another to meet the same demand for power.

It does not say what projects there are. Nobody knows. All right, we can vote on this and nobody knows what will happen. The Castlegar project does not create power at all. It does not compete with any of the power-generating projects. Note how completely misleading that statement is. I notice the Minister of Trade and Commerce is enjoying himself and showing some signs of hilarity. I would appreciate it if he would tell us all the facts. Meanwhile we have to go by what we know of it.

For instance, it is highly probable that the Arrow lakes project would interfere with any arrangement being worked out with United States interests and the Bonneville power authority for 10.5 million acre feet of storage at the Mica dam site.

We already have evidence adduced in this debate to show that the Mica creek dam might not be developed for 10 or 15 years. Meanwhile all possibility of giving the United States the use of 3 million acre feet of stored water in the Arrow lakes every

year, the possibility of the United States having the advantage of that water, will go over the dam. There will be nothing to it. The \$1 million per year that the British Columbia government would get and could use for all sorts of purposes will be lost. Just listen to the sound of this most impressive language. It is highly probable; we do not know who thinks that or why. Then we have all these wonderful paragraphs:

The first storage built will have a first call on idle equipment in the downstream power plants and will firm up a greater number of kilowatts per million acre feet.

Is it proposed ultimately to use the Mica creek project to supply the United States with water with which to firm up their power production? If so, then it is proposed to create exactly the same position as that prevailing in connection with the construction of the Castlegar dam. If it is dangerous for Canada to be "throwing away" its electricity or water it may be equally dangerous when these projects including Mica creek are in action:

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Not the slightest hint of explanation. Not an authority quoted. I read on:

The project that is going to be most advantageous for British Columbia and Canada should be supported.

Of course it should be, but that is no indication that the Castlegar dam is not exactly that project. Not the slightest bit of evidence has been adduced. The Castlegar dam project will begin to get results in three years, but it will be more than three years before they can start work on the others, as far as a person can judge.

It is far from being evident that the Arrow lakes reservoir is the one which will best serve the Canadian interests at this time.

Comforting, vague, uncertain. It sounds just like a composition you would expect to be written by graduates of the London school of economics. Just listen to these inspiring words. I read No. 4:

The terms of the agreement proposed by the B.C. government will have an unfavourable effect on the Canadian aluminum industry, particularly in British Columbia.

No evidence to prove that. No evidence to show that it would make any serious difference if it did, or to whom it would make a difference.

The future of this industry lies in its ability to export to American and world markets. While the cost of power at Kitimat may ultimately be around 3 mills, today with the development only partially completed and many of the capital outlays already made, it is more in the order of 7 or 8 mills. The reduction in cost will result from