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Report From . . . Parliament Hill

By GEORGE MURRAY

Here in the House of Commons you often hear opponents giving expression to opinions which you share. In fact, when members get really serious about things, they forget party lines for the moment.

The speech made the other night by Carl O. Nickle (PC-Calgary West) might have been made by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce and Acting Prime Minister, on the subject of oil and natural gas. Mr. Nickle, admittedly the country's leading writer on the subject of oil and gas, was directly in opposition to Howard Green.

Mr. Nickle and Mr. Howe agree that Alberta oil should go to its best market as quickly as possible, and that pipe lines conveying oil should go directly or through the U.S.A. He is all for the present pipe line to Superior, Wisconsin. This week he announced that this line, condemned in past sessions by his leader Hon. George Drew and by Mr. Green as draining away the very heart's blood of Canada, was being extended from Superior, Wisconsin, 630 miles across the

Straits of Mackinaw right into the heart of Sarnia, Ontario.

That means, Mr. Nickle said, that Sarnia would become the greatest oil centre in North America. Already pipelines lead from Sarnia across to Hamilton and Toronto.

So when the new extension is through, western oil will flood right into the great industrial centres of the east. We will not need the U.S.A. supplies which now come by pipeline across the State of Maine into Montreal.

Indeed the flood will be reversed so far as that pipeline is concerned. Alberta oil may be turned into the line to be pumped to inland points in eastern U.S.A. Stuff like this adds strength to the Canadian dollar! The new line east from Superior will cost \$75,000,000. It will be thirty inches in diameter.

New Line to Cost \$75 Million

The new pipe line to Vancouver from Alberta via the Yellowhead Pass, 100 miles of which is in the Cariboo Riding, will be finished next August and oil will be flowing through it to Ioco in October.

Mr. Nickle touched upon the Fort St. John natural gas field. He told the House that already there are proven reserves of more than 1,300 million cubic feet. The pipe line from Fort St. John to Vancouver via Prince George and Quesnel, was already surveyed and construction here would begin with the spring of 1953. This gas, with the vast reserves across the border in Alberta, must go to the Pacific Coast area. It must take the

cheapest, most direct route. Mr. Nickle said that the extra cost of one cent per thousand cubic feet at the end of the pipe line, would cost Canada's economy \$100,000,000 per year, should the maximum quantity go through the pipe line. He pointed out that we should pool with U.S.A. in natural gas, use theirs where it was cheaper and more convenient at border points—and let them use ours where it was more economical to do so.

Mr. Nickle's speech brought cheers from all over the House but not so many from his own Conservative colleagues who have steadily been preaching against pipe-lining our products to the U.S.A.

Americans Invest Most Money

A survey of capital invested in Canadian oil fields appeared that day in eastern papers—more than half the money invested is from the U.S.A. Eastern Canadian financiers are slow to take advantage of the Canadian oil opportunity—asleep at the oil spigot!

Mr. Nickle's speech was very interesting to me. I have already given notice that I will introduce a private Bill in the House of Commons to incorporate a company to build a pipe line to supply Dawson Creek, Fort St.

John and other communities in the Peace River country with natural gas, I am standing sponsor for this Bill out of a spirit of neighborliness and goodwill towards those operators who are behind the Pacific Petroleum effort in my own home district. Under this proposed Bill, power will be sought to extend these pipe lines in all directions north of a point near the fifty-fifth Parallel of Latitude. The company to be known as Peace River Transmission company will not have anything to do with the main pipe line systems. It will merely buy natural gas from main line outfits and circulate it for domestic users in the community centres, most of them north of the Peace River. The proposed corporation would take over the operation of the Dawson Creek and the Fort St. John systems it is presumed.

We get a little publicity for Cariboo right along. I am on the radio committee and have suggested that Cariboo be the subject of a coast to coast broadcast.

Another thing about our country is that on every twenty-five cent piece minted by the Government of Canada is a head of a caribou.



SENATOR TOM REID, former Liberal Member of the House of Commons for New Westminster for many years, says the Federal Government should pay more attention to the seriousness of the drug problem in B.C. He estimates there are more than 1,200 known narcotic addicts in this province.

Eels Replace Turkey in U.S., Europe

By KEN STEWART

Quebec — Thousands of Americans in the New England states have Quebec eel instead of turkey for their Christmas dinner.

More than 1,000,000 pounds of eel, caught in the St. Lawrence river near the Island of Orleans and in the Richelieu river, were shipped to the United States this fall to meet the annual Christmas season demand. Some were also shipped to Europe.

The eels were shipped frozen in boxes of 125 or more, or in trucks equipped with special fresh water tanks, instead of by boat. In past years the fish were transported alive in a specially-constructed barge with a perforated bottom compartment filled with water. The eels are sent to the U.S., Germany and other provinces of Canada by the Fishermen's Co-operative of the Island of Orleans, one of the largest shippers of this product in the country.

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SCREEN FLASHES

TOTEM

Universal-International has reached back to 1928, the period of raccoon coats, rah-rah boys, speakasies and the Charleston, to put the delightful Technicolor "Has Anybody Seen My Gal" on the screen.

The nostalgic comedy-drama hit, stirring Piper Laurie, Rock Hudson, Charles Coburn and Gigi Perreau, opens today at the Totem Theatre.

"Has Anybody Seen My Gal" relates the amusing problems faced by the members of a small town family when an unknown benefactor turns over \$100,000 to them.

Difficulty was encountered in finding genuine raccoon coats featured by college boys in the Tipping Twenties. Peg top trousers for some male members of the cast, bell-bottom pants for others, and flat-chester, ankle-length dresses and gowns for the ladies were just as difficult to locate.

Song favorites of the 1928 period also add nostalgic flavor to the picture. Numbers included in the new film are "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue," "When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along," "Gimme a Little Kiss, Will Ya, Huh?" "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More" and "Tiger Rag."

CAPITOL

A truly beautiful and memorable piece of Americana clad in glorious color by Technicolor arrives tomorrow at the Capitol Theatre in the enchanting guise of Twentieth Century-Fox's "Wait 'Til the Sun Shines, Nellie."

"Wait 'Til the Sun Shines, Nellie" is the sunshine and rain that pours its alternate vagaries on a small town barber who sees the growth of his community and nation cast its effects on the development of his own life.

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