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The Editor's Corner

DANGEROUS GROUND

"Regulations published this week in an extra issue of the Canada Gazette cancelled naturalization of all men and women from Germany and Italy who took out their papers after September 1st, 1922 . . . previously the deadline was 1929." Are we, too, beginning to tread that swift road to totalitarianism which has been the fale of many European nations? That road of hate and deceit and broken promises, which characterizes such a regime It is not in keeping with our democratic traditions that we should, with one sentence from our government, retract the gift of citizenship which was ceded to these immigrants of fifteen years ago. Immigrants, who were welcomed to our country and solemnly granted that greatest of all privileges—the right to call themselves citizens of Canada.

"There is one loophole clause. The Registrar-General is permitted to issue a certificate exempting a person who is able to establish his status as a loyal subject." All very well, but why not the other way around? We hold no brief whatsoever with naturalized Canadians who are not good and loyal subjects of this, their adopted country. If such persons are living in Canada, we believe that if guilt is proven, they should be deprived of their Canadian citizenship and allowed to revert to the peoples whose ideas they hold. We are, however, treading on dangerous ground when we enact legislation which takes away citizenship long ago granted, unless such person "establish his status as a loyal-.subject."

One of the foundations of British justice is that a man is innocent until proven guilty. Are we exchanging that principle for the Fascist creed that guilt may be thrown on any party, and it is his business to establish his innocence? Let us fervently pray that such be not the case, and that our government, in its desire to prosecute this war with its utmost effort, will not endanger too far our own democratic security.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTENSION ACT

Last week we erred in our reference to the Local Government Extension Act. It is a 5% petition, rather than a petition signed by 25 persons, which is required to demand a vote on the question of the two-year municipal term. Quoting from the Act, we find that section 7 вауѕ:-

"The municipal council may, on the polling day for the election of members of such council for the year 1941, submit to a vote of the municipal electors the following question:

Are you in favour as a wartime measure under The Local Government Extension Act, 1940, of the municipal council elected for 1941 holding office for the term of two years?

or if a petition signed by at least five per centum or 5,000 of the total number of persons whose names appear on the last certified voters' list for use at municipal elections, requesting the council to submit such questions, is filed with the clerk not later than five weeks before such polling day, the council shall submit such question to a vote as foresaid."

This is an important question, and one which should be submitted to the voters for their consideration. Voting on such a by-law at the time of our next municipal election will entail little extra expense, and It is the electors' right to decide whether or not they favor the two year Jerm.

AND SO THEY WAS MARRIED

. . . .

We can always count on our neighbours to the south to give us some of our more startling news. This week we read in the Detroit Times of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stipson who are living with relatives in that city while Everett looks for a job.

The Stinsons are from Tennessee and Modean, who has reached the ripe old age of 12, was a sixth-grade pupil in a Nashville school before her "romance" with Stinson, a jaintor at the school. In an exclusive interview with a Times reporter, Modean explained that "they didn't learn us nothing there nohow."

"That's right," said hubby Stinson, who is 34, "When the teachers wasn't flirting with them, I was."

POETRY

TO DAY

- I will start today serenely
- With a true and noble aim; I will give unselfish service
- To enrich another's name. I will speak a word of courage
- To a soul enslaved by fear; I will dissipate drab discord
- With the sunshine of good cheer. I will be sincere and humble In the work I have to do;
- I will praise instead of censure And see the good in you.
- I will keep my mind and body Sound and flexible and pure;
- I will give my time and study To the things that long endure.
- I will do what I am able To advance a worthy cause:
- I will strive to lessen evil 'And obey God's righteous laws.
- I will pray to him to guide me In the straight and narrow way: I will shun false pride and folly,

I will live my best today.

17.000 BUSY BUILDING AIRCRAFTS SHIPBUILDING ARRAD OF

Some 17,000 Canadians are at present engaged in the aircraft industry in Canada. Of these 8,400 are em- val construction program involving a copy of the complaint that I may ployed in seven aircraft plants with the building of 92 vessels, of which a examine it, and I herewith file a writthe balance engaged in factories pro- portion is now affect, the Canadian ten application for a trial by jury." ducing parts and equipment. This ship conversion program, in progress does not include employees of Cana- since the start of the war, is progressdian Associated Aircraft Ltd. sogaged in-assembling planes for the British

BCHEDULE

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

He wondered where his money went

And how his kindly gift was spent.

And so they said: "Let's trace them

And go with them about the town."

Who looked at him and bravely smil-

He gazed on doctors, kind and wise.

On faces that were white with pain.

"But few of these," said they, "would

If but one crippled child should smile

You'd count your sacrifica worth

And understand what giving means.

They led him to a crippled child

He saw health start to glow again

He saw the dawn of happier life.

If men like you refused to give.

When asked to give, recall

while."

In haunts of misery and strife

Restoring sight to little eyes.

He'd never followed day by day.

The dollars which he gave away.

In addition to the well advanced na- state, 'I plead not guilty. I ask for intrease of 20 per cent in four weeks, sees with the Royal Canadian Navy.

Why Jehovah's Witnesses Were Banned in Canada

Activities of Organization Considered Definitely Detrimental to Canada's War Effort, Government Asserts -Members Canvassed with Abandon to Denounce Religions, Churches, Governments, Business and the Flag.

By James A. Oastler Ottawn Evening Citizen Staff Writer

Ottawa, Aug. 10-When the authorithe fact that the subversive activities detrimental to the war effort. of this organization were definitely detrimental to Canada's war effort. The peculiar interpretations placed upon the Scriptures by this oddly aggressive group of religious zealots tended gions are rackets."

Wholesale Canvassing From the Atlantic to the Pacific than 1,000 of his converts. members of this financially power- A prolific writer, he supplied most ful band of so-called missionaries of the material for his two bi-monvisited homes and, if the door was thly magazines, wrote books and synnot slammed in their faces; they dicated weekly sermons to newspapers marched inside, opened a portable Over a period of years, he engaged gramophone and played recorded in innumerable court battles, includspeeches which bitterly denounced re- ing his own divorce. His wife charged ligions, church, governments, business him with, among other things, num-

trouble. They left in their wake dis- ployees and others. unity, where all had been peaceful and happy before. They told lawabiding, church-going citizens trust "religion is the chief means by which the devil holds his organizations together." This body, which grew in 50 years from an obscure sect in the United States to a powerful organization with world-wide ramifications, has sneered at all patriotic feelings. On mere than one occasion the

Jehovah Witnesses have styled the Red Cross Society as "the devil's work." The Jehovah Witnesses is a group which is actually made up of three separate and distinct organizations. There is the International Bible Students' Association, of London England; the Watch-Tower Bible and Tract Society and the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, Inc., of New York, all of which are headed by Judge J. F. Rutherford.

Founded about 50 years ago by Pastor" Russell, of Pittsburgh, the group has been the cause of much trouble to Canadian authorities over a period of many years.

Excerpt From Publication timent of this body, there is the case

ers that under no circumstances were shortage of skilled labour is in evidtheir children to be forced to salute ence. Pending the change over to the flag or sing God Save the King or new models, activity of automobile O Canada

To Deny Allegiance

before the organization was banned by Dominion order-in-council, those present were urged to deny allegiance to slowing up of sales is in prospect any "man-made king or government" and to cling to the commands of Jehovah as interpreted by Witnesses of Jehovah. The audienc- was further urged not to acknowled the flag.

The extent to which the heads the Witnesses of Jehova.. went in the matter of organization is seen in the following excerpts from a booklet of instruction issued to field workers: Be Fearless

ing that you are backed up by the Lord in your work and you are doing talled 267,238 ounces (\$9,353,330 U.S.)

Carry with you your literature, 832,320 U.S.I in June, 1939. phonograph and such other things as you use in the witness work. . Some of you will operate sound-cars." Phonographs

"Employ the doorstep method with the phonegraph, which method is described specifically in the Informant. When you have played a record through, then present the literature. You are not selling anything. You are not a solicitor of money. state to the persons who desire literature that it is their privilege to contribute a reasonable amount, which money is to be used to publish other

like literature. Opposition

"You will find that clergymen and those who will act with them object to your work. Officers accost you. Reply to the officer: 'I am an ordained minister sent forth by the Lord to preach this gospel of kingdom. I am doing so at the command of Almighty God. His law is supreme and I must obey His rather than man's law.' If he mands that you cease the work, say to him, 'I cannot do that upon direction.' If the officer says, must go with me to the police headquarters,' reply 'This I cannot do unless I am under arrest.' If he places you under arrest, then go with him and explain to the desk officer your -Edgar A. Guest, work. Usually, you will find the officer will see that you are sincerely preaching the Gospel, and will not cause further interference."

Order of Trial

"When brought before the court and required to enter a plea, you should

advise that the brethren not play fines. If the court assesses a fine, then preferably go to jail, even when the final judgment is entered."

Aroused Aninvosity

Although every effort was made to show that the basis of the arguments presented by these agents of the Witnesses of Jehovah were from the Bible, they nevertheless resulted in the arousing of animosity toward the churches and organized govern-

By their actions, the followers of ties decaied that the organization this movement, many of them misknown as the Witnesses of Jehovah guided, played directly into the hands should be banned, at least for the of Herr Hitler and his partner in duration of the war, it was not be- crime, Mussolini. There is no doubt cause of the religious beliefs held by but that the policies of the movethe members, but rather because of ment were subversive and definitely

Founded By Haberdasher

Founder of this religious movement was Charles Taze Russell, who operated a haberdashery store in Pittoburgh. When he was a mere youth, cording to their teachings, "all rell- he spent many an evening walking walls with chalk. Eventually he became pastor of a congregation of more

erous and specified immoralities with Wherever they went they stirred up members of his congregation, em-

Predicted End of World

He predicted that the end of the world would come in 1914 and when this prediction failed to materialize, he said that his calculations were wrong but that it would come in 1918. He died in 1916.

The man who acted as counsel for Pastor Russell in his divorce was one Joseph Franklin Rutherford, who styles himself Judge Rutherford. Since the death of Pastor Russell, Mr. Rutherford has been sole leader of the

During his tenure of office, Judge Rutherford has built the organization to a point far beyond the most optimistic dreams of the founder. It is claimed to be extraordinarily wealthy and to have followers in practically every country in the world. But wherever there are followers of the Jehovah Witnesses, there is trouble.

Ontario Business Summary

Under date of August 22nd, the Bank of Montreal has issued the fol-Indicative of the anti-war effort sen- lowing business report for Ontario:-Trade, both wholesale and retail, of a man who was convicted of dis- continues in satisfactory volume; turntributing one of the publications issu- over is above that of last year. Uned by the organization, titled Conso der the stumulus of war orders induslation. The following is an excerpt trial activity continues to move forfrom an article: "Civilized nations are ward. Iron and steel mills are operatpreparing for war, which means that ing at or near capacity levels. Heavy the picked young men of the race will and light engineering firms report soon be brutally, coldly and deliberat- very satisfactory bookings, from which edly dragged from their loved one by numerous subsidiary industries will the gold-braided general staffs and benefit, and considerable plant exmarched into the slaughtering pen..." pansion is under way. Aircraft fac-There have been numerous instances tories are operating at record high where parents informed school teach- levels. Employment is gaining and a

plants has been maintained on army orders. Tire factories are busy. Im-At, a meeting held just a few days plement manufacturers continue well employed with regular lines supplemented by Government contracts; a pending clarification of the position of the western wheat crop. Woollen and worsted mills and knitting plants continue fully engaged; miscellaneous textiles are reported active. Condiof tions in the shoe industry are varied, firms with military orders being busy Loss of export markets has resuited in curtailed operations in the tanning industry. Furniture factories are reasonably well employed. Lumber is in strong demand at strengthening prices. "Be bold but not rude, remember- Rubber footwear manufacturing is quiet. Gold production for June toas compared with 252,352 ounces (\$8,

FERGUS PAPER 86 YEARS OLD

Last week's issue of the Pergus News-Record completed its 86th year of publication. Commenting on the birthday, editor Hugh Templin writes: "With this issue, the Fergus News-Record completes its 86th year. was on August 19th, 1854, that the first Fergus newspaper was printed and since that time. Fergus has not been without a paper. Sometimes, the village has had two papers, but generally the second one has been shortlived and the chances of starting a second paper in a small town have diminished in recent years as equipment grew more and more expensive to buy. The News-Record is the direct descendent of the first newspaper, although there was one early amalgamation and there have been two changes of name.

"The first newspaper was the Fergus Frecholder. The editor was George Pirle, who had been a farmer in Bon Accord, a part of Upper Nichol, but who was well educated in the Old Country and fond of writing and drawing. He bought the Gueloh Herald and founded the Fergus Precholder, printing both in one office in Quelph. The next year, Thomas Oibbs. Greenham founded the British Constitution (they went in for some queer names in those days) and he printed it in Fergus so it was inevitable that the Constitution should absorb the Freeholder in time, though the two pepers continued to serve Fergus for three years. The two Watt Brothers bought the paper in 1865 and they changed the name to the News-Re-

"Bince 1868, the News-Record has been the property of but two famiiles. Por 34 years it belonged to the Orales, John, Robert and James, and for the past 38 years to the late J. C.

ON STAFF OF CBC's OVERSEAS UNIT



Gerald Wilmot, former Montreal announcer, who is now on the staff of the CBC's Overseas Unit, is shown interviewing Lieut. General A. G. L. McNaughton, immediately after the latter had reviewed the C.A.S.F. at Aldershot, in England.

RECTORY

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