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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...

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...

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...

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...

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 of 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...

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 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 Stinson 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 janitor at the school...

"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 enshrouded by fear; I will dispel drab discord With the sunshine of good cheer.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

He wondered where his money went And how his kindly gift was spent; He'd never followed day by day, The dollars which he gave away.

17,000 BUSY BUILDING AIRCRAFTS

Some 17,000 Canadians are at present engaged in the aircraft industry in Canada. Of these 8,400 are employed in seven aircraft plants with the balance engaged in factories producing parts and equipment.

SHIPBUILDING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

In addition to the well advanced naval construction program involving the building of 62 vessels, of which a portion is now afloat, the Canadian ship-conversion program, in progress since the start of the war, is progressing ahead of schedule.

Why Jehovah's Witnesses Were Banned in Canada

Activities of Organization Considered Definitely Detrimental to Canada's War Effort, Government Asserts

By James A. Oastler Ottawa Evening Citizen Staff Writer

Ottawa, Aug. 10—When the authorities decided that the organization known as the Witnesses of Jehovah should be banned, at least for the duration of the war, it was not because of the religious beliefs held by the members...

Wholesale Canvassing From the Atlantic to the Pacific members of this financially powerful band of so-called missionaries visited homes and, if the door was not slammed in their faces, they marched inside, opened a portable gramophone and played recorded speeches which bitterly denounced religions, church, governments, business and the flag.

On more 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.

Under date of August 22nd, the Bank of Montreal has issued the following business report for Ontario: "Trade, both wholesale and retail, continues in satisfactory volume; turnover is above that of last year."

Under the stimulus of war orders industrial activity continues to move forward. Iron and steel mills are operating at or near capacity levels. Heavy and light engineering firms report very satisfactory bookings from which numerous subsidiary industries will benefit, and considerable plant expansion is under way.

As a meeting held just a few days before the organization was banned by Dominion order-in-council, those present were urged to deny allegiance to any "man-made king or government" and to cling to the "commandments of Jehovah as interpreted by the Witnesses."

"Be bold but not rude, remembering that you are backed up by the Lord in your work and you are doing His will."

"Employ the doorstep method with the phonograph, 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. You 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."

"You will find that clergymen and those who will act with them will object to your work. Officers may accost you. Reply to the officer: 'I am an ordained minister sent forth by the Lord to preach this gospel of the kingdom. I am doing so at the command of Almighty God. His law is supreme and I must obey His law rather than man's law.'"

"When brought before the court and required to enter a plea, you should state, 'I plead not guilty. I ask for a copy of the complaint that I may examine it, and I herewith file a written application for a trial by jury.'"

Aroused Animosity

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 government.

By their actions, the followers of this movement, many of them misguided, played directly into the hands of Herr Hitler and his partner in crime, Mussolini. There is no doubt but that the policies of the movement were subversive and definitely detrimental to the war effort.

Founded By Haberdasher Founder of this religious movement was Charles Taze Russell, who operated a haberdashery store in Pittsburgh. When he was a mere youth, he spent many an evening walking around writing messages of warning on walls with chalk.

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 group.

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.

Ontario Business Summary

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FERGUS' PAPER 86 YEARS OLD

Last week's issue of the Fergus 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. It was on August 19th, 1854, that the first issue of newspapers was printed and since that time, Fergus has not been without a paper."

The first newspaper was the Fergus Freeholder. The editor was George Pirie, 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.

The next year, Thomas Orlin 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. These two papers continued to serve Fergus for three years. The two Watt Brothers bought the paper in 1865 and they changed the name to the News-Record.

"Since 1868, the News-Record has been the property of two families. For 24 years it belonged to the Oranga, John, Robert and James, and for the past 28 years to the late J. O. Templin and the present editor."

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

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