

### OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

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In these days of political controversies, talk of war, etc., it is pleasant to report from Parliament Hill something of an entirely different nature which may prove to be of great benefit to mankind, though no proper publicity was given to it.

"I could hold in my hand a small cylinder of natural metallic uranium," said Trade Minister Howe in Parliament. "The cylinder I had prepared for this demonstration was about the size of the little jack-knife I now hold in my hand. We now know that if every bit of this very heavy metal could be turned into energy, which theoretically it can be, we could get the same quantity of power that could be developed by about 500,000 tons of coal or about the power we now get out of the large Shipshaw plant in one year."

"There is little doubt that some day we shall be able to fly to remote areas, in one small aeroplane, more potential power in the form of nuclear fuel than can be hauled today in a hundred railway coal cars."

"I am not proposing any change in capital punishment at this time," Justice Minister Ilsley told the House of Commons commenting upon Britain's decision to make the death penalty applicable only to certain types of murders.

"We must give more to maintain our way of living," stressed G. Russell Boucher, MP, in an address here urging that "we must fortify ourselves to fight Communism" in Canada.

"We must and will take cognizance of the fact that no place on the globe is now more than 60 hours distant from any other spot and Canada is no longer a country of isolation," said Health and Welfare Minister Paul Martin.

"Don't forget the newspapers," admonished Harry Binks to a large convention of Rotary in this capital. "In your town they have a big influence. You should see to it that there are reporters at every meeting."

"The results indicate that imports from soft currency countries (Britain for example) have not been adversely affected by the emergency exchange conversation



A week ago, three-year-old Russell Stangel of Hamilton, Ont., popped this penny into his mouth and swallowed it. When he lost his appetite, his parents called a specialist. An operation removed the coin from his esophagus—on his third birthday.

measures," declared Finance Minister Abbott here in reporting satisfactory progress in saving U.S. dollars by the Canadian Government's bans on imports.

"Such a proposed constitutional amendment would abolish the sovereignty of Parliament in Canada," stated Senator I. M. Gouin in reference to suggestion of a change in the British North American Act to include a new "civil rights" section as proposed by the Canadian Committee for a Bill of Rights.

Beef prices are coming down as sales resistance grows, says a report here, and many housewives are reported as buying something else rather than pay high price.

There has been a wave of insurance news here lately, including Senate approval of Bill allowing insurance companies to engage in housing projects backed by government guarantees, approval by the House of Commons of a Bill to amend the Veterans Insurance Act extending period for application for such insurance from 3 to 6 years after the war and extending coverage to permanent force members and merchant seamen who got the wartime bonus, and a proposal by an MP to create an insurance fund for the benefit of patients who suffer through faulty diagnosis by the medical profession.

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### Asks Farmers Freed Of Back Income Tax

Ottawa, June 26—Hon. J. J. McCann, revenue minister said last week the government is not being "arbitrary" in its attempts to collect income tax from farmers.

Replying in opposition criticism of the new tax form issued for farmers, Dr. McCann said it will take time to "educate" farmers on the matter of keeping accounts for tax purposes.

Anthony Hlynka (Social Cred., Vegreville) urged income tax officials to be instructed not to press collection of 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945 income tax from farmers. He said farmers had not been instructed to keep accounts for those years.

Thousands of one and three men business shops did not keep accounts in those years, and might reasonably make the same claim. The answer is in raising the exemptions to free the small tax payers whose payments must mostly go to pay collection charges.

### Irish Plowmen To Compete Here

For the first time in the history of the International Plowing Match conducted by the Ontario Plowmen's Association, a team of expert plowmen from the British Isles will be present when the big event is held at Lindsay in October of this year, and will take part in the horse and tractor competitions.

The party has completed arrangements to sail on the Queen Elizabeth for New York on October 1, arriving there on October 6. After a day or two in New York, the Irish group will come on to Toronto, and will go on to Lindsay for the period of the Match, which is from October 12 to 15. The three Irish contestants are sending their own plows over in advance, and these will be shipped about the first week of July, so as to be here in plenty of time for the match. Horses and tractors will be provided by the committees for the International Match.

### Manitoba's Mennonites Aboard Their Mayflower

Quebec, June 26—A search for peace and brotherly love which has threaded down the 400 years through the pages of time since the reformation continued on its patient, untiring way today as 1,500 Mennonites from Manitoba's fertile Red river valley prepared to sail for Paraguay. Two special trains bore 782 Mennonites into Wolfe's Cove today, where they joined 750 of their brethren who arrived yesterday and went aboard their chartered ship Volendam. Some time tonight the ship will push its nose out into the St. Lawrence river, headed for Buenos Aires, where the pioneers will board river boats which will carry them 1,000 miles inland to the wild Chaco valley of Paraguay.

And surely these sombre-clad men and women, with their healthy, fair-haired children, can be counted among the wealthiest pioneer immigrants of all time. Accompanying them to Paraguay will be 70 freight carloads of farm equipment, machinery and personal effects. Over 6,000 pieces of freight have been stowed aboard the Volendam already and still the loading cranes are working.

Search for an ideal and unswerving loyalty to the tenets of their faith moved these people to sell 150,000 acres of farm land in Manitoba for \$500,000 and invest \$335,000 in 108,000 uncleared acres in the wilds of Paraguay. So that all might have land to till in their new country, those who had \$10,000 or more contributed 10 per cent., and those who had less contributed eight per cent., to a fund which will ensure homes for the more unfortunate of the brethren.

### Modern World Encroaching

The Apostle Paul's command to "be not conformed to the world" and Christ's admonition to "love thine enemy" are the bases of the Mennonite faith. Because these "old order" Mennonites saw a modern world encroaching further and further upon their secluded communities, and because their sons fought in World War II and they fear another war is rolling up in an angry world, they are forsaking their established homes and going forth into a wilderness where military service, which is contrary to their faith, will not threaten them.

"We think our children are growing up and turning away from the faith that our forefathers brought here to Canada from Russia in 1874," said Henry Hildabrand, leader of the trekking Mennonites. "We no longer have our private schools where we can teach our faith to our children and we believe that our children should grow up gaining not only knowledge, but learning faith in our God, too."

"For a long time, we had our own private schools in Manitoba. Then 20 years ago, the province ruled that our children should go to public schools like all children, and our children grew to be worldly and forgot the tenets of our faith. In the last war, over 50 per cent. of our young men fought and then some of us who still cling to the faith of our forefathers decided to seek a new home."

### 51 Went by Plane

Already 51 Manitoba Mennonites have flown to Paraguay in a chartered plane. The forerunners will confer with Paraguayan officials and with the leader of a colony of 10,000 Mennonites who settled in the Chaco country 20 years ago. And they will be working not only for their brethren from Canada but for close to 2,500 others of their sect who are en route to Paraguay from the U.S. zone of occupation in Germany and from Holland.

"These are the bravest of the brave," Henry Hildabrand said as he stood on the quay today and watched long lines of his followers go through customs and immigration. "They know of the great hardships which lie before them. Many of them are leaving loved ones behind, but they have not hesitated. They know that what we are doing is right."

Henry Hildabrand is not ignorant of the hardships which lie ahead of him and his followers in the Chaco wilds. Mennonites who settled there 20 years ago are only now beginning to prosper. Their crops were destroyed by locusts and seared by drought. The land was stubborn and had to be cleared by hand. And from 1935 to 1937, they lived on the hem of the war between Bolivia and Paraguay.

The Mennonite leader knows that for a long time his followers will not be able to use the farm machinery they are carrying with them, for the land will have to be cleared and the bogs drained before machinery will be useful. He knows that even these farming people will take a while to accustom themselves to the change from cultivating wheat and oats and barley and begin to grow sugar cane and flax and alfalfa.

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### Won't Lose Faith

"We know what faces us," Henry Hildabrand said, fingering the material in his rough farm work clothes. "We know there will be hard labor and discouragement. We expect that many of our people will succumb to the tropical diseases which struck our brethren who are already in Paraguay. But we will not lose faith for our God will be with us always."

And the Paraguayan government is making these sturdy people welcome. They will be exempted from taxation for 10 years, and will have complete military immunity for all time. A decree passed in 1922 gives them the right to establish their own schools and to teach in their low German Patois which they call "Platt Deutsch." They will administer their own municipal affairs and will generally govern themselves.

Yet, while these people live unto themselves, they are not unpatriotic. I had a glimpse of the love they bear for Canada today when an immigration official approached a 400-pound safe which contains the records of each man's share in their communal establishment.

As the immigration officer approached the safe where it was sitting on a baggage truck, Henry Hildabrand opened it for him. The official looked through each ledger and the Mennonite leader explained its contents to him, for all the entries were made in German. Then in one book the official found a \$2 bill, still new and crisp as fresh lettuce.

### \$2 for Remembrance

Henry Hildabrand flushed. "I was not hiding it," he said. "I was keeping it, but not to spend. During the war my people invested their money in series 'B' non-interest bonds. We gave the money to the government for their use. At first we contributed individually, but later we made a community fund, which amounted to \$2,000 a month, and gave it to the government."

"This \$2 is part of that money. We want to keep it for remembrance. It is so little, yet it will always remind us of Canada. And when the customs official handed it back, Henry Hildabrand placed it in the ledger, put the ledger in the safe and carefully closed the door."

And outside the great rambling shed that covers the quay at Wolfe's Cove where the Volendam is tied up there sits a big, streamlined bus. Young Ed Giesbrecht has driven the chartered bus over 2,000 miles to Quebec city, in order that 28 Mennonites might say a last farewell to their brethren, many of whom are blood relatives whom they may never see again.

For 4½ days the 28 were on the road from Manitoba to Quebec. They have slept in tourist cabins and small hotels. They have eaten meals at roadside stands. They have made their own heroic trek to say farewell to their brothers who are going on a larger adventure.

Father There in 1874 And on the bus is oldster Abraham Jansen, whose father, Peter

Jansen, settled in Gretna, Manitoba, in 1874. "My father had three rooms in his house ethn," Abraham Jansen said. "He was a school teacher and a farmer. He taught school in one room, lived in another and stabled his cow in the third. And when the cow calved, he had to move the calf into the school room and carried on his lessons."

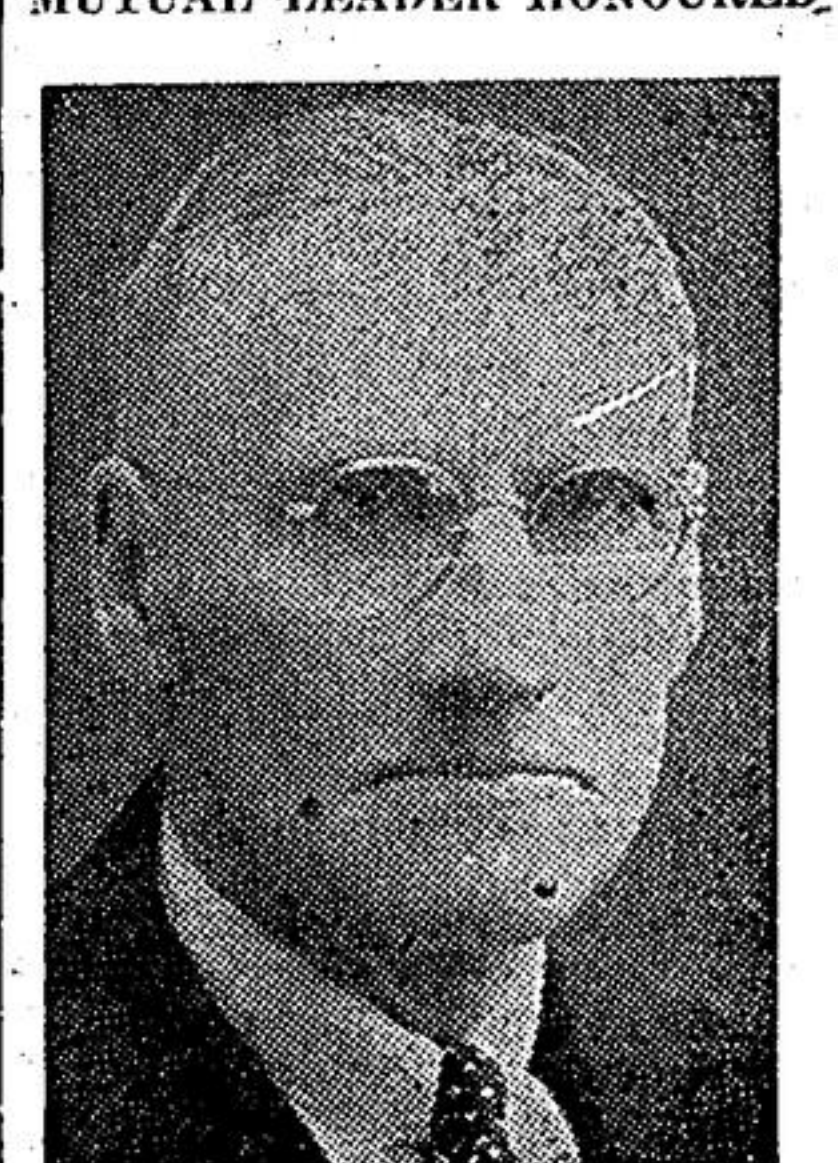
"Today these people on the Volendam are going out, as my father did, to get their own freedom. They are braving hardships and death to keep their own faith. In their own way, they are right. But we, who stay, believe we are equally right, for we have found freedom and happiness in Canada and we will stay here, over 50,000 of us. We believe our God is here, too, and that we do not have to go seeking him."

### Deaths

ADAMS, Alice—Suddenly in Pickering Township, on Wednesday, June 23, 1948, Alice Rogers, wife of Robert Adams, in her 35th year. Interment Union cemetery. Oshawa.

CHARLES, Alice Pionton—Suddenly at her home, Richmond Hill, Tuesday, June 22, 1948, Alice Pionton, widow of John Charles, in her 81st year. Interment Richmond Hill cemetery June 25.

### MUTUAL LEADER HONOURED



F. M. PUGH The Mutual Life of Canada has released its Honours List, recognizing Mr. F. M. Pugh of Stouffville for outstanding service to his community in the Club Year recently closed. He has again qualified as a member of the Leaders' Century Club. Qualification for Club membership requires not only the underwriting of a large volume of protection, but, more important, the writing from year to year of "quality" business, that is, life insurance that is continued in force. These two factors, combined with a high personal standard of confidential service to policyholders, earn this recognition for Mutual Life representatives.



A second bout with the Niagara whirlpool rapids in a barrel is planned by William "Red" Hill, Jr., seen in the barrel his father made famous. A record of Niagara river rescues and

other feats is scrawled on the sides. Hill is raising funds for a memorial to his father. He has planned his "trip" for the latter part of July or early August. In his two-hour battle

with the turbulent river two years ago, he foiled the police who tried to stop his death-defying ride when he slipped the barrel into the river at a lonely spot.



Left to right, U.N. security guards Dan McAleest, Ge. B. Fogue, and Robt. Herman are shown as they struggled with passport forms in New York after U.N. Secretary-General

Trygve Lie, acceding to Count Folke Bernadotte's request, ordered 50 Lake Success security guards to proceed to Palestine as truce control aides. The 50 security guards left for Cairo in

a specially chartered plane. They will continue to wear their blue U.N. uniforms and will accept their instructions from Bernadotte.

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