

Q. You say a man does not have to be put on the list or to write in to this society in Toronto in order to become a Jehovah's witness? A. Certainly not.

Q. That is as you interpret it. A. They could not make him a Jehovah's witness by doing anything of the sort.

Q. Oh, no. I understand that. But before he becomes a Jehovah's witness, does he have to do that? A. Certainly not.

BY MR. MCKINNON:

Q. How do these people manage to get together and recognize each other as Jehovah's witnesses? A. They will do it in this way. People who have similar convictions upon the scriptures know each other. They talk to each other. They talk to each other about it; and it is only natural that I talk to my neighbour about it and my neighbour agrees with me, and then my neighbour and myself meet together for further discussion of these things.

Q. All right. That will apply to the community. They will have contacts with other communities? A. Yes.

Q. Will those contacts take place in the same way? A. I think so. I will add this further thing and this probably really is the answer to your question. The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society has the distribution of its literature in mind, and people who are interested in it, who read it and believe it, are invited to attend local studies and they may at times be given names of people who, like them, are interested in the literature and believe it and they thus become witnesses of Jehovah.

Q. About how many would there be in Canada, roughly? A. I would have a great deal of difficulty in trying to estimate that. I might say 50,000. I might say 100,000.

Q. There is no way of keeping a record of that?

A. No. There is no membership roll whatever.