

from Algoma is in order in discussing anything in regard to the creed, but I wish he would confine his remarks strictly to that subject.

Mr. BLAIR: May I ask the hon. gentleman if he is dealing with the French interpretation or the English version of the creed? There is a vast difference.

Mr. NICHOLSON: My knowledge of the French language is very imperfect, but I submitted the creed to a number of friends who do know French. Among them was the reverend mother principal of the Roman Catholic separate school of the town of Chapleau. I sent her five of these creeds in the French language, and in return received a beautiful letter. Here is what our Canadian children are being taught to say and sing:

The whole world at last is beginning to see
The blight of the world is Jesus.
Like sunshine at noonday, free thought has
shown me
The blight of the world is Jesus.

Keep off the blight or blighted you'll be,
Blighted for life by credulity,
Once I believed, but now I can see
The blight of the world is Jesus.

Mr. RINFRET: On another point of order, I would direct the attention of the Prime Minister, who is prone to make eloquent speeches whenever an hon. member disregards a ruling of the chair, to the fact that the chair has ruled that my hon. friend should not read any documents other than those pertaining to the creed. The hon. gentleman has not obeyed the ruling.

Mr. BENNETT: The chair did not say that.

Mr. NICHOLSON: I believe I am quite in order; I am expressing the desire that 100,000 or 200,000 copies of these creeds should be sent broadcast throughout this country. I think I am quite in order in stating to this house the sort of thing that is being put into the hearts and minds of our boys and girls, which should be combated in every possible way. That is the reason I am placing these facts on record.

Mr. BOUCHARD: Why give them publicity?

Mr. NICHOLSON: Is there anything the matter with this creed? Is there any statement in it to which a Canadian citizen or a Canadian boy and girl cannot subscribe?

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I say that the Minister of Trade and Commerce never

did anything finer, and no public man of this country ever did anything better than to put this creed before the people of Canada from one end of the country to the other. The amazing thing to me is that hon. members of this house, I care not what their political creed may be, should rise and undertake to say that a large part of the population of this country desires to dissociate itself from statements of this kind.

Mr. HANBURY: We on this side of the house are becoming more or less accustomed to lectures from hon. gentlemen opposite, and I suggest to the Prime Minister that he has an hon. member for Algoma who might very well come up to the front benches as a preacher. As far as I am concerned I have sufficient faith in the intelligence and patriotism of the youth of Canada to believe that they do not need this sort of thing shoved before their noses every day to tell them what they should do.

Mr. SPENCE: It will not hurt them; they are getting away with too much.

Mr. STITT (Nelson): I wonder if the hon. gentleman—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

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Mr. STITT (Nelson): Would the hon. member tell the committee what articles of the creed he repudiates?

Mr. HANBURY: It is not necessary to repudiate anything; the whole thing is futile. The hon. member for St. James asked the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether the government was supporting the policy enunciated by Canon Hinchliffe, Minister of Education in the British Columbia government, that this creed should be propagated in all the schools of that province.

Mr. NEILL: In place of the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. HANBURY: Yes. I wonder if the Minister of Trade and Commerce, who is interested in the development of trade, should not call to the attention of the British Columbia Minister of Education the fact that many of the customers of the lumbermen, the fishermen, the miners and the pulp and paper manufacturers of British Columbia might resent the fact that the Canadian people are being told they should not buy goods outside of Canada. I wonder if the Minister of Trade and Commerce should not tell Mr.