

fectly true, Mr. Chairman, that that could be done. My hon. friend could get a hundred thousand people in this country to-day to curse every institution for which this creed stands.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Mr. NICHOLSON: You could get a hundred thousand people to-day who would curse the Christian church.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. NICHOLSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, you could.

An hon. MEMBER: Nonsense.

Mr. NICHOLSON: I shall set the creed of that hundred thousand people beside the creed set down by the Minister of Trade and Commerce. I shall read from the second creed which I have in my hand, so that hon. members may learn why efforts should be made to instil into the hearts and minds of boys and girls in Canada some respect and regard for the institutions we all cherish. May I say that when returning home from Ottawa I met the priest of the Roman Catholic church in the town in which I live. He referred to what was taking place in a town of three thousand people in northern Ontario. He told me that he was making an effort to combat the evil influences operating there, and congratulated me upon sending the creed to the boys and girls throughout the country. I have now before me a creed which is being taught to boys and girls in two thousand schools across Canada, hundreds of which are in that section of the country from which I come. I shall read to the committee parts of this creed:

Atheism, as a philosophy, is to be planted in the minds of children and youth.

Godless children shall have back of them an organized effort to help them free their companions and comrades from the religious yoke.

Through organization and cooperation boys and girls will be removed from the "evil" effect of the clergy.

The youth of the country . . . .

Mr. RINFRET: My hon. friend's remarks have nothing to do with the item before the committee.

Mr. NICHOLSON: My hon. friends opposite may scoff as much as they wish.

Mr. GRAY: What has this to do with the publicity campaign?

Mr. NICHOLSON: Perhaps this second creed is getting under the skin of my hon. friends opposite. They do not wish to be associated with the condemnation of efforts which would tend to instil Canadian patriotism into the minds of boys and girls.

[Mr. Nicholson.]

Mr. RINFRET: I rise to a point of order. My hon. friend is now reading some other creed which has nothing to do with the document issued by the minister. My hon. friend further insinuates that if we do not accept the creed distributed by the Minister of Trade and Commerce we must accept the one he is now reading. I maintain that my hon. friend is completely out of order, and I suggest, sir, that you so rule.

Mr. NICHOLSON: I rose to express regret that the Minister of Trade and Commerce had decided for the time being not to publish any further copies of the creed, because I have received scores of requests for it. Why have those requests been made? For the purpose of combating the efforts of some people who are endeavouring to destroy our institutions. If in the judgment of the chair I am out of order when I make comparison between these two doctrines or creeds, I shall be prepared to take my seat. But I believe I am in order, because this creed is being used all across Canada, and not only in the schools. I have had requests from leaders of girl guide and boy scout organizations asking for copies of the creed in order to combat this influence which is being spread from one end of the country to the other. The priests of the Roman Catholic church in the town in which I live have brought to my attention the kind of thing that is being taught in the schools in that vicinity. There is a case in point in a school in a small village sixteen miles from my own city. That is why I say we can find 100,000 people in this country who will curse this creed and our Canadian institutions. Let me read what they are putting into the mouths of boys and girls six and seven years of age.

Mr. RINFRET: Before the hon. member proceeds I should like the chairman to give his ruling. Following this line of thought my hon. friend could bring in anything at all on the pretext that this creed will combat it. I think my hon. friend, in discussing the creed should not be allowed to read any document he may wish to read on the pretext that this creed will destroy its influence.

Mr. NICHOLSON: I submit that this creed is desirable to combat the very things I am putting before the committee. Hon. members can say what they will; I am going to put this on record, so the house will see the menace.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Cowan, Thunder Bay): On the objection raised by the hon. member for St. James, I think my hon. friend