

Mr. STEVENS: I have great confidence in the judgment and ability and educational qualifications of Canon Hinchliffe, the Minister of Education in the province of British Columbia.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I have none at all.

Mr. RINFRET: That is not a reply. I know my hon. friend the Minister of Trade and Commerce is in community of spirit with the Minister of Education for British Columbia, but I would ask him has not this recent declaration of the Minister of Education of his own province shaken his confidence in that gentleman?

Mr. STEVENS: Not a bit.

Mr. RINFRET: If my hon. friend bases his admiration of the minister on things like that he is certainly swayed by a partisan spirit. I do not think it is right at all. I am quite sure if a minister from the province of Quebec had done likewise my hon. friend would think differently.

Mr. STEVENS: Not at all.

Mr. NICHOLSON: It was a matter of regret to me that I heard the minister announce when the item was previously before the committee that these calendars were at present out of print, or at least that no more would be available. I took the opportunity of sending a copy of the creed to each public, separate and high school in the district of East Algoma, and I have received from the principals of many of these schools letters of commendation and requests for a further number of these beautifully engraved calendars. It has been a matter of profound surprise to me to hear the sentiments expressed in connection with the calendar, and I have been no less surprised at the criticism which has been lodged against it.

I wish now to take the time of the committee to place on record the wording of this document: "I believe in Canada"—Does any hon. member of the house say that we should not endeavour to inculcate in the minds of our boys and girls faith in Canada?

Mr. RALSTON: I suggest that my hon. friend should put his hand on his heart.

Mr. NICHOLSON: "I love her as my home; I honour her institutions; I rejoice in the abundance of her resources"—

An hon. MEMBER: Wonderful.

Mr. NICHOLSON: If hon. members will be patient for a moment I intend to place

side by side with these expressions another creed which is being taught to Canadian children in many parts of Canada. When they have heard it perhaps they will not be so ready to criticize the expressions for which the Minister of Trade and Commerce is responsible.

Mr. RHEAUME: I think it would be better to send some bread where it is needed.

Mr. NICHOLSON: "I glory in the record of her achievements. I have unbounded confidence in the ability of her people to excel in whatsoever they undertake. I cherish exalted ideals of her destiny as a leader among world nations. To her I pledge my loyalty; to the promotion of her best interests I pledge my support; to her products I pledge my patronage and to the cause of her producers I pledge my devotion."

Some hon. MEMBERS: Very good.

Mr. NICHOLSON: If one were to judge from the expressions of hon. members opposite it would seem that the Liberal party of Canada desires to dissociate itself from these expressions. My own opinion is that the Liberal party does not desire so to do, notwithstanding what its leaders in this house have said.

The last time this item was before the committee the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, I think it was, in reply to a statement of the Minister of Trade and Commerce to the effect that he had received hundreds of letters in commendation of the creed, said he could find a hundred thousand people in Canada who would curse this government, and impliedly, would curse the creed.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried, carried.

Mr. NICHOLSON: No, the item is not carried.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, no.

Mr. NICHOLSON: Perhaps my hon. friends will scoff a little later when I set before them the other creed.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Read it.

Mr. PERRAS: I would not be in favour of cursing the creed, but I would be in favour of condemning the government.

Mr. NICHOLSON: My hon. friend apparently desires to associate himself with the hon. member who said he could get a hundred thousand people in Canada to curse the government and the creed. It is per-