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WHY CRITICIZE THE CTIY? (Editor's Note: Since the present publisher of The News
has been in charge of this paper, he has, on various occas-
tons, criticized the city government and the elty officials tons, criticized the city government and the city officials
for doing, or for not doing something. People have asked from time to time, why we follow such a course, but we
had never answered the question. Now we are letting
Ne someone else do the answering, for the following editortal
appeared in a recent lissue of Ben Ezzell's Canadian Record: We feel that Ben Ezzell has answered the "why" in a most WE HAVE BEEN asked by friends, in all seriousness, Just Administration and what we hope to gain by it?
Those are fair questions, and deserve fatr answers. There are a number of reasons.and none of them have
anything to do with personaities of the individual of Many people who agree with us have come around
privately to express their approval and, at the same time, their surprise that a small town newspaper should dare
to point the finger of critictsm at anything so close to retribution will result.
Others who disagree, more or less violently, have labelled in person, more frequently from a distance. In both attitudes hes a part of the answer to the
frst question. It is not a fact as yet, thank Heaven, that it
is physically dangerous in these United States to crittice when our fellow citizens, however mistaken they may be How do we get such ideas? This is no poltice state
our govermment officals command no Gestapo, welld powers over us beyond those delegated by law and regulated
by our courts. Why should any citizen fear to crticize his elected officmals publicly and openly if he teels such criticism is
many do so.
Almost as dangerous to the health of a democracy is the public office, is above criticism and the fact that he hold crime. . or at best in poor taste... to express contrary
views. It is our privilege to disigree That is only part of the answer. We have an abiding should be no less efficiently wherated than any successfu citizens, who are stockholders in this public business, would take as much interest in its affalirs as they do in the private
businesses in which they have money tnvested we have a much more economical and efficient concern. state, and our federal governments.
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It is here, in Canadian, that all of us as indivitual because can be most effective. We have outraged a few people by calling our city officials by name, rather than referring to
them safely and vaguely as "the Clty" have any grudges against them personally, but because City" is not some vague entity, but is made up of Individuals like ourselves... Individuals whom we have elected
to office to perform certain services for The American ctizizen is the most powerful person on this we don't have to let our governments run us. But flcials may easily cost us the privilege. Liberty,
charity, must begin at home. so much for the frrst question.
do we hope to gatin? ... We hope, eventually, to gain an real meaning of democracy and the individual's of the it, among our friends and neighbors and fellow eitizens more concretely, we hope to gain a more efficient and to get a better return for our investment.
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