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NATURALIZATION

The question of the value of naturalization papers has come prominently to the front since the break with Austria and Germany in 1914, and, now that there is a possibility of the United States becoming embroiled in the struggle, it is more prominent than ever. We are not concerned with the American situation, but the Canadian situation does call for thought upon the part of Canadians.

For years past Canada has been endeavoring to increase its population. The rest of the Empire could not possibly supply enough immigrants, therefore, the claims of Canada were placed before the citizens of the various European countries with a view to inducing them to come and make their homes in the Dominion.

The appeal of Canada met with a hearty response and vast numbers of men came over here. The great majority of these were of the laboring classes, and, Canada being in the midst of a period of railway construction, they were welcomed. It was natural that many of these immigrants should come from Germany and Austria, as well as from Russia, Norway, Sweden and the other countries. Probably a large majority, certainly a large number, of these immigrants left their homes in order that they might live under a government which gave individual freedom. They, in very many cases, left their home countries because they objected to the military rule which obtained. They refused to become conscripts and serfs of a military class. In doing so, they cut off all possibility of ever returning to their homes, and, in many cases, made many sacrifices, most of them leaving their families in the old land, never to see them again.

It is only natural, at a time like the present, that there should be a certain amount of suspicion against immigrants from Germany and Austria, but it is well that we should not allow our suspicions to warp our judgment or our better feelings, nor should we allow

it to interfere with the future welfare of this Dominion, which still needs millions of men and women. When these Europeans come over here, it is better that they should qualify as Canadian citizens than that they should remain aliens, that is, provided care has been taken to find out whether they will be acceptable as Canadians. It may have been made too easy for some to become Canadians, and anything easily got is often valued lightly. That, however, is merely by the way. The fact remains that there are many naturalized Canadians today who are in a very awkward predicament. They have renounced their native land; they have broken all family ties, and have thrown themselves heart and soul into the work of developing Canada. War comes, and they, through no fault of their own, find that they are neither Canadians nor anything else. If Canadian naturalization papers are truthful; if they are more than mere scraps of paper, these men are Canadians, just as surely as if they had been born in Canada of Canadian parents. If the privileges given by their papers are to be taken away, they are people without a country; exiles for all time. They dare not return home, yet many would deny them their rights as Canadian citizens.

It is true that many naturalized Germans have shown themselves to be Germans still, by their actions since the outbreak of the war. In every instance of this kind, prompt and drastic action should be taken, but it is un-British to condemn men in the mass because a few have committed a crime. When a man has taken the oath of allegiance to Canada, and has shown himself to be a thoroughly good Canadian, the fact that he was born in Germany should not be held against him. He is not responsible for the accident of his birth. A man must be estimated according to his actions and not according to his birth-place. If naturalization papers mean nothing, it would be better that they be done away with entirely.

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Premier Brewster will not have far to look for a successor, though it will be with very deep regret that he will do so. Pat. Donnelly, the Liberal candidate in Vancouver, who was relegated to seventh place on the soldiers' vote being counted, seems to be the likely nominee, and it is almost certain that Vancouver will return him by acclamation. Mr. Donnelly is eminently suited to fill the position in the cabinet, and that he is a man of broad views was shown by his speech following the intimation that he had not been elected.

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LEO STANLEY BURDON,
NOVEMBER 4, 1916. F. 6.

MINERAL ACT

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