

NATURALIZATION PAPERS OBTAINED FRAUDULENTLY

Fritz Wilk Took Out Creden- tials So He Could Vote In 1908

Fritz Wilk, an alleged alien enemy arrested for being in possession of fire-arms and ammunition, today sought to free himself of the charge through the presentation of naturalization papers fraudulently obtained. Wilk stated that the papers were his, but the magistrate discovered that they had been sworn to on October 8, 1908, and purported to show that he had been in Canada three years whereas, by his own statement, he had been in Canada only thirty months.

The man volunteered the information that he had been induced to secure the papers just prior to the 1908 election, in order that he might vote. He got the papers some place, which he could not name, about eleven miles from Edmonton and the agent before whom he made application was a cripple. Beyond this information he could tell nothing.

Wilk was registered as an alien and when he failed to report to the police his residence was searched and a rifle and ammunition found. He was arrested at the request of the city police and was brought in from a farm.

Magistrate Primrose said it would appear that Wilk was trying to claim rights of a citizen on a false oath and there was also some doubt as to whether he was the Fred Wilk referred to in the papers. To permit of further inquiry being made the case was remanded until Thursday.