

ALIENS UNDER SUSPICION.

The *Waig* is indebted to Robt. Balmer, now of Toronto, but for many years after leaving Kingston a resident of Brazil, for a free translation from the Spanish of the real meaning of the Delbruck Law which was passed by Germany in 1913. The interview is by Dr. Huy Barboza, a distinguished jurist, and was published in *La Nacion*, in Buenos Ayres, in March of this year. The pith of this most remarkable interpretation of German law appears in another column. It conveys a clear and direct and never-to-be-forgotten statement of the object and meaning of an Act which every Government should understand. And why? If naturalization means nothing, or if anything a huge deception for political purposes, the people should know it, and especially the officers of the crown, or those who are entrusted with the care and protection of our citizenship.

There has been a theory, now ancient and long since exploded it appears, that the men of any nationality who take the oath of allegiance are forever loyal to the Crown of Great Britain. But Dr. Barboza, whose knowledge of German law cannot be challenged, has no hesitation in saying that the Delbruck Act, passed in 1913, makes it impossible for any German, from that date onwards, if not from that date backwards, to be loyal to any Crown or power or government, save that of Germany. Let any one read Mr. Balmer's translation of Dr. Barboza's interview and come to his own conclusion.

The fidelity of some aliens may not be questioned, but the fidelity of the Germans will be, and it becomes a matter of serious reflection in view of the number of Germans who are in Canada, most of them naturalized. Their oath of allegiance was taken probably before the Delbruck Act was passed. It may not apply to them. That is, they may not have applied to the German government for permission to naturalize under conditions that make them forever subjects of Germanic influence.