

## COUNTY JUDGE DEROCHE BELIEVES IN FAIR PLAY

### WILL NOT REFUSE AUSTRIAN CITIZENSHIP IF NOTHING BUT RACE AGAINST HIM.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Belleville, Dec. 8.—When the December Sessions of the County Court opened here this afternoon Crown Attorney Anderson read applications for the naturalization of one American, three Russians and one Galician.

Mr. W. C. Mikel, K.C., on the latter applications, that of Karl Stokloser, blacksmith, of Madoc, and a resident of Canada for more than five years, said it was not wise to grant naturalization to an alien enemy while the war was on. The Crown Attorney said Stokloser was an Austrian reservist, who had made application for naturalization on October 20, because he did not want to go back to Austria even if he could, and because he was in sympathy with Britain.

County Judge Deroche stated that it was hard for an Austrian not to be allowed to become a British subject when he was in sympathy with British ideals. He did not think that just because a man happened to be of a hostile race he should be refused naturalization, if there was nothing in word, deed or suspicion against him. If there were any objection other than the fact of the man's nationality he would hear it before the close of court, as the applicant must be well known to many in the courtroom. Fair play should be shown in the Austrian's case. If a man believed in British principles he should be given citizenship.

### BOURASSA TO SPEAK.

#### Nationalist Leader Secured for Address in Russell Theatre, Ottawa.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—It is announced by the independent committee which has been endeavoring to secure Mr. Henri Bourassa for an address here, that the Nationalist leader will speak in the Russell Theatre on Wednesday, December 16. His subject has not been announced.

### COULTHURST CASE STANDS.

#### Trial Adjourned Pending Decision on Va- lidity of Election.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Welland, Dec. 8.—The trial of Edwin C. Coulturst, the Bridgeburg deputy returning officer, charged with tampering with his ballot-box in the Canada temperance act vote last January, was adjourned in the County Court yesterday until the June sittings. The request for an adjournment was made by the Crown, to await a decision as to the validity of the election, which is still being fought out in the courts.