

MANY ANXIOUS FOR WIDER CITIZENSHIP IN BRITISH EMPIRE

Imperial Naturalization Law Being Availed of to a Large Extent

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OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—The imperial naturalization law which went into effect on the first of the month is being availed of to an extent which was wholly unanticipated. Applications for naturalization, and inquiries as to the necessary procedure are coming in from all parts of the country. A great many of those inquiring are already naturalized under the Canadian law but wish the wider citizenship which the new act will confer. There is some delay in issuing certificates, owing to the fact that it is desired to be uniform and the British copy has not yet arrived. If it does not come soon, a temporary form will be utilized which could be replaced when the regular certificates have been received later. The first certificates to be sent out from Ottawa giving world-wide British citizenship will go to Sir George Perley, acting high commissioner in London; Sir William Van Horne and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, the first three naturalized Canadians who gave notice that they were desirous of securing the wider British citizenship.