

JUDGE DECLINES TO NATURALIZE ALIEN ENEMIES

**Judge Cumberland Refuses to
Make Austrians Citizens of
Dominion During War Time**

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

**Alone Will Induce Granting of
Privileges to People from
Enemy Lands**

In the county court this morning, Judge Cumberland refused the applications of a dozen Austrians for naturalization as Canadian subjects. He stated that he would not grant papers to people of enemy countries, unless there were special circumstances such as involved the loss of citizenship in the country of origin.

Of fourteen cases this decision applies to twelve, the others not appearing and their applications being adjourned to the next court. W. Dawidowski was taken as a test case. His application had no special features to recommend it. He was an Austrian, and had lived in Canada for eight years.

In giving judgment His Honor said he would issue naturalization papers to no people who belonged to the countries that were fighting against Britain, unless there were peculiar circumstances. When the war was over they would be in a position to apply again and take the oath of allegiance. As to property rights, the fact of being Austrian citizens did not debar them from owning property here.