

CANADIANIZING ALIENS.

ONLY English will be taught in the schools of Manitoba during the coming season. This change has been brought about by the act passed by the Norris government last session. That the law will meet with some opposition is not unlikely in view of the facts that there are over 16,000 pupils or 16 per cent of the school population of the province educated in bilingual schools. The French-Canadians had 126 schools and 7393 pupils, the Germans 61 schools and 2814 pupils, the Poles and Ruthenians 111 schools with 6513 pupils and other nationalities in small numbers.

All these schools are now abolished so far as bilingual teaching is concerned. English alone will be taught in future to German and Ruthenian and Austrian and Pole alike. And whether there is opposition or not it is to be hoped the government will adhere to its policy. We in Canada do not want a race of "hyphenates" to populate our western provinces. We have to "Canadianize" our foreign-born settlers and by no method can we do it more quickly and more effectively than by teaching them the English language, our Canadian respect for British institutions and the bases of our political thought and conduct. In future we shall have to see that our foreign-born immigrants assimilate readily. If they show no disposition to do so we shall have to take measures to prevent additions to their number. For we in this sparsely-populated Dominion cannot allow foreign settlements with rules of public conduct alien to our Canadian ideals to form an indigestible element in our body politic. The war has shown us as nothing else could the disastrous results that spring from such a policy of expediency.