

## Naturalized Subjects

Nearly a hundred Turks have been arrested at Brantford and passed through Toronto yesterday under guard on the way to the detention camp for **enemy aliens** at Kingston. It is stated that among these Turks are two who are naturalized Canadians. If so, their cases require special enquiry. They are on a different footing from enemy aliens. In a recent issue the London Chronicle said editorially:

"There appeared in the columns of one of our contemporaries yesterday a suggestion, of which it is difficult to speak patiently. It was that we should treat naturalized aliens as if they had not been naturalized. A naturalized alien, we need scarcely remind our readers, has acquired exactly the same rights of citizenship as any other British citizen, and has acquired them as the result of a solemn contract between himself and this country. The suggestion made is nothing less than that we should deliberately dishonor the nation's signature, and plunge into precisely that 'scrap of paper' immorality which our whole national instinct has so honestly revolted against. The thing could not be done, of course, without Act of Parliament; and Parliament will never commit such an iniquity."

This is a point of view that needs to be brought to the Government's attention, or to the notice of Parliament. If two of these men are naturalized Canadian subjects they cannot be treated as **enemy aliens**, cannot be placed under detention, or interfered with unless their acts warrant their prosecution for treason, in which case, if they are guilty, they are liable to be shot. In no country is it more necessary than here to respect the citizenship of the naturalized subject.