

IS NOT ALLOWED CHANCE TO FIGHT

Naturalized Canadian, Born in
Syria, is Nursing a
Grievance

BELONGS TO THE MILITIA

But He Cannot Get Accepted
for Active Service
Overseas

Mr. George Zahar, 176 Mutual street, complains that though he has twice passed the necessary examinations he has been refused enlistment because he was born in Syria.

"I have been in Canada twenty years—since I was 17 years old. I have my naturalization papers. I am a Canadian citizen." He showed The Daily News his papers and pointed particularly to that part which conferred upon him all the privileges and responsibilities of other Canadian citizens.

"Why do they make me a Canadian citizen, if they will not let me go to the front?" he asked. He said he had belonged to the 109th Regiment, and had applied to go with the overseas contingent. He had tried to go with the 36th Overseas Contingent also.

"Why do they give me a uniform and make me drill twice a week if they won't let me go to fight?" he asked.

"If my citizenship is no good I'll give it back and go somewhere else," said Mr. Zahar, who complained that two Syrians had left with the 14th Battery, though they were not yet registered. Mr. Zahar was born in the protected territory of Mount Lebanon and so is not a Turkish subject. He has frequently interpreted for the Registrar of Alien Enemies and for the Provincial Government.