

HOSTILE FOREIGNERS CANNOT NOW TAKE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Cumberland Deems it In- advisable to Allow These Peo- ple Citizenship at Present

Following a decision of an Ontario court to refuse naturalization papers to alien enemies, the Brandon county court will naturalize no more foreigners of hostile nationality for the present. Mr. Justice Cumberland holds that it is not advisable to do so now.

While it is understood that this practice is likely to be general all over the province, it is quite possible that some judges are permitting alien enemies to become Canadian citizens where the circumstances seem to warrant such a step. Should the change become permanent new legislation will probably follow.

The immediate effect here is that no alien enemies living in Brandon can now become Canadians. Three months' residence is required; so that they cannot naturalize in any other part of the country without taking up residence there.

At present there are some 880 permanent residents of Brandon reporting monthly to the alien enemy bureau, these still preserving their original nationality. There are also about 500 who are transient. They have registered here but are not permanently living in the city.