

ASK REVOCATION OF CITIZENSHIP

Canadian Club Committee Members Urge Adoption of British Naturalization Act

Recommendations for extensive changes in the naturalization and franchise laws were discussed by members of the Canadian club at a business meeting in the Royal Alexandra hotel this afternoon.

Discussion was based on the report of the organization's committee. The committee consists of J. A. Machray, K.C., chairman; L. J. Elliott, T. R. Deacon, J. F. Greenway, T. A. Hunt, K.C., W. H. Trueman, K.C., and Canon McElheran.

The committee recommended that the federal government be urged to

make applicable in Canada the provisions of the British naturalization act of 1918. This law provides for the revocation of citizenship and disfranchisement of persons proved unfit for citizenship by prison records or bad character.

The report also suggested legislation requiring applicants for naturalization to appear in court in person, and to show a working knowledge of either the English or French language.

It also advocated a regulation requiring judges to forward to the secretary of state for Canada, in whose hands the revocation of naturalization would be placed if the proposed laws were enacted, a report of all cases wherein the conviction of the defendant might make it apparent that his right to citizenship should be placed under inquiry.

Owing to the importance of the question, the club devoted the discussion the entire meeting.