

MAY REQUIRE CIVIL SERVANTS NATURALIZED

Many Are Natives of Enemy Countries—Allegiance Oath Not Sufficient

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The Government has under consideration the passing of an order in Council compelling all members of the Civil Service to become naturalized. At present appointees to the service are required to take the oath of allegiance and the oath of office. Many men of alien birth, especially in the technical branches of the service, are not naturalized Canadians. Though they take the oath of allegiance, the latter cannot be considered to be binding upon them if they sever their connection with the Civil Service.

Though the Government professes not to fear espionage among the public employees, it is felt that stricter conditions should be imposed upon appointees, to insure, as far as possible, their loyalty. Not a few of the servants of the people holding responsible confidential positions are men whose native land is now at war with Britain and Canada. While most of these are faithful workers, it is felt that their presence would be fraught with less distrust and danger if they were naturalized.