

## NEW NATURALIZATION LAW.

**It Defines Clearly What Being a  
British Citizen Means.**

Canadian Associated Press.

London, Jan. 4.—A new law of naturalization came into force on January 1, and from that day there was established for the first time the status of citizenship of the British Empire. "It is a step," says the Times, "which we welcome with peculiar satisfaction. Hitherto, so far as naturalization was concerned, Imperial unity meant nothing. As Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out at the Imperial Conference in 1911, when reform in this direction was originally discussed, Americans who entered Canada and became British subjects under letters of naturalization were deemed to be American citizens if they landed in England. Similar anomalies existed in other parts of the Empire, particularly in South Africa. Thus legislative incongruities led in some cases to the extinction of nationality and to the loss of the privileges it confers. This grievance is now removed, and a step, which seems curiously belated, has been taken to provide, as Lord Emmett said in introducing the bill in Parliament, for a system of Imperial naturalization on a uniform and definite basis throughout the whole Empire."