

Beck's Weekly, in discussing the probable reconsideration of the terms of admission of Germans to Canada after the war is over, thinks there would be an overwhelming reluctance to cancel any grant of citizenship which has been made previous to the war, except in cases of proven hostility. The writer also adds that he cannot sympathize with the demand of other writers that all Germans and Austrians now naturalized in Canada should be deprived of their franchise, even during the war, and certainly not after it. After discussing the question pro and con, however, the writer in the Montreal journal arrives at the following sane conclusion: "But Canada can get along very well without extending the privileges of her citizenship to any more Teutons, until the Teuton race gives evidence of a recovery of that moral sense which is now so conspicuously lacking."

When the writer in Beck's Weekly arrived at that conclusion he evidently had in mind the experience of Canada with Germans inside its borders, as well as the attitude adopted by Germans living in the republic to the south of us, during the present war. That he had in mind the latter phase of the situation is shown by his reference to the position the United States would find itself in, should it decide to declare war upon Germany. In such a case, he says, "the United States would find itself paralyzed for a considerable time by the immense number and daring and activity of the naturalized Americans of German birth who would undoubtedly devote themselves to the interests of their Fatherland."

In other words the writer in Beck's Weekly is of the opinion that a German is a German, wherever he may be living, whatever oaths of allegiance to another country he may have taken, and no matter what he owes to the land that he is living in.

And in that he is about right, as the experience of this country in only too many instances has shown. There are exceptions, of course, but they are very few. If the question dealing with the entrance of Germans to Canada does come up after the war, our present experience should not be forgotten.