

the proposed revocation of certificates of citizenship. Revocation can take place only by Order of the Governor in Council, upon recommendation of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Revocation proceedings may be instituted on the grounds of residence outside of Canada for not less than six years; trading with the enemy during time of war; false representation or fraud, or the concealment of material circumstances at the time of naturalization; disaffection or disloyalty to His Majesty, while out of Canada or, if in Canada, the naturalized citizen has been convicted of treason or sedition by a competent court.

The Oath of Allegiance.—In conformity with the new conception of Canadian citizenship as defined in the Act, the form of Oath of Allegiance has been changed. Under the Naturalization Act it read as follows:—

“I (AB) swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Sixth, his Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.”

Under the new Act, the Oath has been altered to read:—

“I (AB) swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Sixth, his Heirs and Successors, according to law, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada and fulfil my duties as a Canadian citizen. So help me God.”

Canadian Citizenship Ceremonies.—One of the significant innovations in the new Act is the ceremonies attendant upon the presentation of certificates of citizenship at special sittings of the courts. Machinery has been set up by which the courts across the country will be given every assistance possible in the arrangement of ceremonies in connection with the presentation of certificates of citizenship.

It is planned, also, to provide the newcomer to Canada with special facilities for training and education in the fundamentals of citizenship and a manual on Canadian citizenship will be issued to the alien when he files his Declaration of Intention.

(A summary of this Act is given at pp. 1178-1184 of the 1948-49 Year Book.)

The Canadian Citizenship Branch.—The Canadian Citizenship Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration is responsible for the co-ordination of citizenship training undertaken by provincial Departments of Education, national organizations or private societies throughout Canada; the encouragement of foreign-language organizations and other societies in their efforts to aid the newcomer; and the provision of basic training materials for the use of all agencies establishing citizenship training classes.

In order to carry out these functions, the Canadian Citizenship Branch has been organized into three divisions, each administered by a Director and an Assistant Director—the Liaison Division, the Information Division and the Research Division.

Section 2.—Canadian Citizenship Statistics

Tables 1 and 2 show the number of citizenship certificates granted in each year since the Canadian Citizenship Act came into force and the nationality of the recipients of these certificates.