

Schedule
Declaration of renunciation of Canadian nationality.

I _____ of the _____ of _____ in the _____, do hereby declare:

1. That I am a Canadian National within the definition of "An Act to define Canadian Nationals," being chapter _____ of the statutes of 1921, by reason of the fact that

2. That I am also a National of _____ by reason of the fact that

3. That I am of the full age of twenty-one years and under no disability.

4. That I hereby renounce my Canadian nationality and declare that it is my desire to be considered and treated as a National of _____

Made and subscribed before me at _____ the _____ of _____ in the _____ of _____ this _____ day of _____ 19 _____ }
A Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT: May I ask the minister if copies of this amendment have been distributed?

Mr. DOHERTY: No. As I explained, the matter was discussed when the Bill was before the committee, and the proposal which is now being made is to carry out the suggestion of the hon. member for Shelburne and Queen's (Mr. Fielding) that there should be provided a form of declaration to be made when a person renounces his Canadian nationality.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT: Surely, Mr. Chairman, we cannot discuss the amendment which has just been read by the minister without having had an opportunity of reading and considering it. I would like to take cognizance of this amendment before casting a vote.

Mr. CASGRAIN: So would I.

Mr. DOHERTY: I acted under the apprehension that the matter had already been before the committee and that the sole question was whether we should carry out the suggestion made by the hon. member for Shelburne and Queen's. If the hon. gentleman thinks there is any danger in accepting that suggestion, and that he would like to have an opportunity to further consider the amendment, I am quite willing to meet his convenience.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT: I would suggest that the minister give us an opportunity to read the amendment. I move that the Bill stand.

Mr. DOHERTY: I would regret that we should be delayed in getting this Bill through committee, but I must leave it to the judgment of the hon. gentleman. If

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he thinks it is really important and desires to insist on his objection, I would not refuse to yield to that insistence. But perhaps he might give a moment's thought as to whether the matter is of sufficient importance to warrant this delay.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT: As I said before, I have not read the amendment which the minister has just presented, and therefore I cannot intelligently discuss it. My right hon. friend may be able to do that: I cannot.

Mr. CASGRAIN: He has had more experience, he is an ex-judge.

Mr. DOHERTY: Perhaps the hon. gentleman might read the amendment now.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT: Some other members might like to read it, too.

Mr. CASGRAIN: They are here to protect the people.

Mr. MURPHY: I do not wish to delay the passage of the Bill, not even by making a suggestion, but may I point out to my right hon. friend (Mr. Doherty) that while the original title of the Bill is "An Act to define Canadian nationals," the amendment which he has just introduced when added to section 2 makes that section the most important part of the Bill, and that it deals with the action by which a person can rid himself of his Canadian nationality. Under the circumstances might it not be well to amplify the title, if not to make some other changes in it?

Mr. DOHERTY: If I understand it rightly, the question of the title will come up after the third reading.

Mr. MURPHY: I am suggesting it now.

Mr. DOHERTY: I would be glad to consider the desirability of adding words to cover what the hon. gentleman suggests.

Mr. ARCHAMBAULT: On looking at my file I find that Bill No. 17 contains only one section, which is as follows:

1. The following persons are Canadian Nationals, viz:—

(a) British subjects domiciled in Canada.

(b) British subjects who ordinarily reside in Canada although not domiciled there.

The amendment states: that section 2 of Bill 17 is amended by striking out the words "and on making such declaration shall cease to be a Canadian national" in the two last lines thereof and substituting the following, and then follows the amendment. I do not see any section 2.