

### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

When introducing *The Canadian Citizenship Act* on October 1, 1945, and again this year on the second reading of the Bill the second of April, the Secretary of State the Honourable Paul Martin stated:

"For the national unity of Canada and for the future and greatness of this country it is felt to be of the utmost importance that all of us, new Canadians or old, have a consciousness of a common purpose and common interests as Canadians; that all of us be able to say with pride and say with meaning: 'I am a Canadian citizen'."

The purpose of this Bill is to help Canadians, old and new, to realize and take pride in the achievements and the greatness of Canada, to promote national unity by reminding all of us of our present status and future aspirations as a nation.