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plan of Imperial citizenship—a plan by which a British subject, naturalized in any of the Overseas Dominions, rould claim the protection of the flag and of the Empire in whatever part of the world he might find himself. At the last Imperial Conference the subject was discussed by the representatives of the self-governing pominions and as a result it was agreed that the Colonial Secretary should prepare a draft bill dealing with the question. This bill, which is entitled the Draft Imperial British Phase of Commons of Friday, Mr. Foster made the important announcement that a committee of the Provisions with a view to sending an answer to the home authorities at the earliest possible moment.

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The bill which has been prepared by the Colonial Observatory, and is now under consideration by the Gorestment, provides for a complete change in the naturalization laws of the Empire. Its first clause defines matural-born British subjects. The second section provides for the purpose, and satisfies the Secretary of State granting a certificate of the purpose, and satisfies the Secretary of State that he has resided for five years in His Majesty's Dominions or has been in the service of the Crown for not less than four years. The use of the phrase "His Majesty's Dominions" makes this a wider provision than that of the present law which requires that residence must be taken. In operation this section of the bill will permit any person who has resided in of the bill will permit any person who has resided in of the bill will permit any person who has resided in the British subject of the Colonial Governments may grant a crefificate of maturalization. There is also a provision in the bill in another section by which each of the Colonial Governments may grant a crefificate of maturalization is "granted by a Secretary of State, shall, subject to the provisions of this Act as to the grant and provision that and "other rights, powers and privileges, and be subject to all obligations, duties and liabilities to which a naturalization, and a certificate a shall supply accordingly, with the subject is entitled and, as from the date of "his naturalization, duties and liabilities to which a naturalization at the secretary of State, shall, subject to the "provisions of this Act as to the grant and revocation of the government of the possession for the United States, is now before the In

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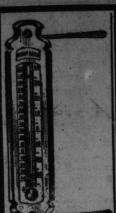
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