

Much more might be said as to the objections of the present pernicious practice, but it is unnecessary to further enlarge thereon.

There is a real grievance, and there should be some remedy, even though this, from the nature of things, would be only partial. Something has been done in other countries, and in some of our Provinces, but not sufficient. We trust one of them may take a lead in some appropriate legislation which would as far as possible prevent the present objectionable 'practice. To change a name, it should be necessary to obtain the leave of some officer of the Government appointed for that purpose, and the application should be advertised in the daily papers, so that any citizen might have opportunity to file a caveat or protest against his surname being so appropriated; this caveat or protest to be filed in the proper office, which should be searched before leave might be given by the responsible authorities.

We learn from a cotemporary that this subject has been brought to the attention of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society whose committee reports as follows:

"The ease with which this change can be accomplished enables a large number of modern immigrants to change their unmistakably foreign patronymics for those more euphonious and familiar to the American ear. This change might not be objectionable if in exchange for their old surname they were compelled to assume a new one distinctly suggestive of their blood and ancestry. Such, however, is not by any means their custom. After a short sojourn in this land they experience the disadvantage of their own surnames, occasioned by the difficulty of spelling of, unpronounceability of and often business prejudice against their surnames, and at once proceed to change the same, and in so doing adopt surnames characteristically suggestive of blood and nationality entirely different from their own. Their choice generally results in the selection of Anglo-Saxon patronymics. This is a custom prevalent among the lower classes of Hebrew immigrants, and has resulted in many of the best known and respected Anglo-Saxon patronymics being now used by Hebrews (or others) whose inherited surnames they have for reasons of their own found to