

simply as a means of describing the persons who would be deemed to have a right of entry to Canada.

Thus the Naturalization Act, while it defined a "British subject" contained no definition of a "Canadian citizen"; The Canadian Nationals Act defined a Canadian Citizen in terms of the Immigration Act, but was not effective as it included certain classes of persons who were not Canadian citizens under the Immigration Act. The Immigration Act defined Canadian citizen, but limited the effect of the definition to the purposes of immigration. Consequently there was no general definition of Canadian citizenship for all purposes. The new Citizenship Act meets this long-felt need.

To launch Citizenship Week there will be a ceremony in the Supreme Court at Ottawa on January 3rd in which representative new Canadians will receive certificates of citizenship. Candidates on this occasion will represent the different provinces and the various ethnic groups of the Dominion. For the ceremony, which will be the first of a country-wide series, Justices of the Supreme Court will be in attendance and other officials will be on hand. Chief Justice Rinfret will administer the Oath of Allegiance and Prime Minister Mackenzie King will welcome the new citizens. This Ottawa ceremony will be broadcast over the national network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and both motion picture and still cameras will be used to record the event.

During the week public presentations of certificates are planned at similar ceremonies in principal cities across Canada, including Charlottetown, Fredericton, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton, and Victoria. These ceremonies will be organized by local committees working under the direction of the provincial authorities, mayors and other officials. While the principal feature of these ceremonies will be the presentation of certificates of Canadian citizenship to new citizens; it is hoped through them to emphasize to all Canadians the implications of the Oath of Allegiance, and the responsibilities which flow from it.

The new Oath of Allegiance reads: "I 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."

Both during Citizenship Week and afterwards considerable importance is to be attached to the ceremonies in which citizenship certificates are presented, since it is felt that such rites, if properly arranged, can do much to point up the importance of the occasion. An outline of a simple and dignified ceremony has been prepared for such occasions as a suggested pattern. This ceremony includes a civic reception of a friendly and informal nature where officials of governments, churches, schools and community organizations will meet and welcome the new Canadians.

In promoting the Citizenship Week the help of national, provincial and community groups, the churches, service clubs, women's organizations, educational bodies, press and radio organizations is being sought. All are asked to help create a greater consciousness of the responsibilities of citizenship in the Dominion.

In asking for this cooperation, Secretary of State Paul Martin said "The Canadian Citizenship Act has a far broader significance than most of us realize. At a time when the nations of the world are striving to set up an organization which will be a world-wide guarantee of peace and security, we here present an example of how each may preserve the uniqueness of our individual nationhood within the framework of common