

that there exists to the knowledge of such justice no reason why the alien should not be granted all the rights and capacities of a natural born British subject.

5. The certificate of residence to be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions, or the Recorder's Court, of the County or City, within the jurisdiction of which the alien resides, on the first day of some general sitting thereof, which certificate shall be read in Court, and if not controverted, shall be on the last day of the sitting filed of record.

6. The alien shall thereupon be entitled to receive a certificate of Naturalization, under the seal of the Court and signature of the Clerk thereof, that he hath complied with the requirements of this act, (12 Vic. cap. 197.)

7. Until the foregoing steps have been regularly and duly taken by an alien he is not a naturalized subject.

Proof of Naturalization.—If any question arises when any person offers himself to vote, as to such person being at the time a British subject by birth or naturalization, such person is to be allowed to prove the same by the production of a lawful certificate of his naturalization, or, at his option, by taking the following oath or affirmation which the Deputy Returning Officer shall, if requested, administer to him :

"You swear, (or if the elector be one of the persons permitted by law in civil cases, you solemnly affirm,) that you are a British subject by birth or by naturalization according to law to the best of your knowledge and belief. So help you God.

A Successful Merchant's Experience.

A communication in the *Country Gentleman*, has a word in season for those young men who hanker after tickets in the great lottery of mercantile life:—

"I am a city merchant, having commenced my career as an adventurer from the farm, on a salary of \$80 per year, and having passed through half a life-time of incessant toil to reach the point where dependence ceases, and 'dinner ahead' begins.

"I filled a clerkship in several first-class mercantile houses, and was associated with a very considerable number of salesmen, accountants, and clerks, generally. Nearly thirty years have passed since my city clerkship began, and the retrospect has developed the following results:—

"All mercantile houses by whom I was employed, have since failed—one, after an eminently creditable career of fifteen years, was carried into hopeless bankruptcy by outside speculation, and another after thirty-five years of unbounded success and credit, was a few months since in inextricable difficulties—the result of a single dash of the pen—and has forever closed its mercantile existence.

Of all the clerks with whom I have been associated, not one has achieved permanent success equal to the value of a well-stocked one-hundred-acre farm, while from the most brilliant of their number, the penitentiary, the hospital, the drunkard's grave have claimed their victims. Some embarked in business with lofty anticipations of success, but soon passed away in disaster, and the