

"(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection one of this section, the minister may grant a certificate of Canadian citizenship to any person who is a British subject and who makes to the minister a declaration that he desires such certificate and who satisfies the minister that he possesses the qualifications prescribed by paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of subsection one of this section; provided that in any case where, in the opinion of the minister, there is doubt as to whether the applicant possesses the said qualifications, the minister before granting such a certificate may refer the declaration and the material in support thereof to the court in the judicial district in which the declarant resides, and the declaration shall thereupon be dealt with as an application under subsection one of this section."

2. By renumbering the present subsection (2) as subsection (3).

3. By renumbering the present subsection (3) as subsection (4) and inserting after the words "subsection one" in line six thereof the words "and subsection two."

4. By renumbering the present subsection (4) as subsection (5) and substituting for the words "for the purpose of subsection one of this section" in line five thereof the words "for the purposes of subsection one and subsection two of this section."

Mr. MACKENZIE: I so move.

Mr. BRACKEN: I understand that the minister proposed this amendment as a result of the discussion this afternoon and earlier.

Mr. MARTIN: I can say that the discussion from all sides has been very helpful, but I might add that for some time we have had the matter in mind but did not know exactly what should be done until we had heard the discussion in the house.

Mr. BRACKEN: That is not the point I wished to make. It is this, that while a few members of the house, my own supporters, have seen and, I understand, approved this amendment, I would respectfully suggest to the minister that since all the members of the house have not seen it and since the amendment is long and complicated it might be left over for consideration to-morrow when all hon. members will be able to see it in *Hansard*.

Mr. MARTIN: With that understanding we shall let the section stand and come back to it.

Mr. GREEN: May I ask one question with regard to this amendment? As I understand it, its purpose is to meet our objection that the British subject should not be required to appear in a naturalization court. This amendment provides that a certificate shall be granted to him without that appearance except in the rare case where there is some doubt whether he meets the requirements of the bill, in which rare case the minister will ask that he go before a naturalization court. Is

it or is it not the intention of the government that the great majority of cases will be covered by this amendment and that the great majority of British subjects applying for Canadian citizenship will not have to appear in a naturalization court?

Mr. MARTIN: The hon. gentleman in the last sentence is quite correct. It will be only in very rare special instances that that will be required. The amendment came into being as a result not only of suggestions made from all sides of the house but following consideration by officials of my own department and myself, who have been giving these matters a good deal of thought for the last seven months. My hon. friend has made some valuable contributions; as has also the hon. member for New Westminster who has had some intimate discussion with me on this matter, also the hon. member for Spadina. Every member has been very helpful, as I feel we all must be in this matter, and we are only too glad to get the opinions of all hon. members.

Mr. GREEN: I am very glad that the minister has made the change.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Before we proceed to section 11, Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to propose as subsection 6 of section 10 and I think I should put it before the minister and the committee now in order that consideration may be given to it before the entire section comes before the committee to-morrow, so that the minister will be in a position to decide whether he will be prepared to accept it.

This proposed amendment arises out of certain remarks which have been made by myself and by other members of the house from time to time regarding the necessity of assuring that a certificate of citizenship should carry with it certain inalienable rights.

Under section 10(1)(f) a step has been taken in the right direction whereby the minister intends to ensure that an adequate knowledge of the responsibility and privileges of Canadian citizenship shall be conveyed to applicants for citizenship. I do not intend to go into details in that regard, but the system adopted in the United States of America is such that I am sure that, subject to the necessary changes, it could be incorporated into our regulations here, namely, the adoption of a text-book on citizenship and the setting up of schools for citizenship to the end that our citizens may have a greater appreciation and knowledge of what citizenship actually means, for only in recent weeks the Gallup polls have demonstrated