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# WAR TIME ELECTION BILL IS BEFORE PARLIAMENT

## Drastic Measure Brought Down by the Borden Government--Voters of Alien Enemy Birth are to be Disfranchised--Wives, Widows, Sisters, and Daughters of Overseas Soldiers to Have the Right to Vote.

Ottawa, Sept. 6. — The war time elections act introduced in the commons this afternoon lives up to its advance notices as being a decidedly drastic measure ostensibly designed, as its sponsor, Hon. Arthur Meighen put it, to make "obligation to war service the basis of war franchise," and really designed, as members of the opposition say, to load the dice for the coming elections.

The promise that Sir Robert Borden gave early in the session that before parliament ended the government would provide for a general measure of female suffrage is not kept. Instead, the franchise is given only to the wives, mothers, sisters or daughters of men who have served outside of Canada in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces or inside or outside of Canada in the Canadian or British Naval Forces. No other women, no matter what their war service or sacrifice may have been, are given the right to vote.

All citizens of Canada who are of alien birth, unless they have been naturalized in the last fifteen years, and the Poles and other immigrants from Europe, whose mother tongue is that of one of the enemy nations, are struck from the lists. There is no provision for allowing these men, although many thousands of them are good citizens of Canada, contributing to the patriotic fund, law-abiding and pro-Ally, to retain the rights they have enjoyed hitherto in the matter of the franchise. An exception, however, is made in the case of the grandfathers and fathers of alien enemy origin who have been at the front. In such cases the fathers and grandfathers are not disfranchised.

Apart from the general issue at stake as to the national wisdom of partial enfranchisement and partial disfranchisement of particular classes of the people, perhaps the most serious aspect of the new bill is in regard to the creation of new machinery for the preparing new Dominion lists without the safeguard of judicial courts of revision, and relying almost solely on the honesty and fairness of the special enumerators to be appointed under the sole control of the administration in power.

The real "joker" in the bill seems to lie in the provisions giving these enumerators power to add to the lists on polling day the name of any voter who swears that his name has been wrongfully omitted from the lists and who satisfies the enumerator that there should be no such omission. The enumerator may then give a certificate, and the vote be recorded in the regular way. But is the enumerator is not satisfied that the voter's name should be added on polling day the vote may be cast, but it is placed in a separate envelope and counted in the final result only in case a recount is granted after the initial results are declared. Then such votes would be reviewed and allowed or disallowed in the regular way by the judiciary.

Meanwhile, as will be readily seen, the government might be retained in power by the work of partisan enumerators who allow those to vote known to be in favor of the government and give only tentative votes, not counted on polling day, to those known to be against the government. The control of the election machinery and of the preparation of the lists, is placed more than ever in the hands of the political machine in power. It is this aspect of the bill that will probably be most vigorously fought by the opposition.

The whole measure is a somewhat lengthy one of fourteen printed pages with a score or more of clauses to be read as amendments to specific clauses of the Dominion Election Act. The secretary of state outlined the main

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The state of education in Russia may be judged from the fact that there is only one village school for every 8000 persons.

provisions this afternoon, but there was no opportunity given until late tonight for any detailed study of the bill as it was not available in printed form until then. A cursory survey of it makes it very evident that the new and untried machinery is apt to cause many complications and great confusion just on the eve of an election, especially in view of the fact that the enumerators' lists are not required to be posted until four days before the actual polling, and that complicated provisions are made for adding more names on polling day. One new feature which may be noted is that the polls are to open at 6 o'clock instead of 9 o'clock in the morning at all polls except those in the cities of Toronto, St. John, Halifax, Quebec, Ottawa, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

Will Rush Bill Through.  
Present indications are that the government intends to rush the measure through the commons and on to the senate as speedily as possible. It is practically certain that closure will be invoked to achieve the desired end in the hope of preventing any possibility of a hold up in the senate, where the closure rule is not in force, until October 7, when parliament dies.

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## York County is Second.

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Mr. E. R. Hunter of East Florenceville, is at the Barker House.

Mr. A. W. Duffee of Fall River, Mass., is in the city.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor is at the Barker House.

Mr. J. C. Hartley, K. C., of Woodstock, is in the city.

## Case of Cuban Itch.

Chatham World: A man who worked at Fraser's mill, Chatham Head, broke out with a rash resembling smallpox. Messrs. Vanderbeck and Doyle, County Board of Health, had him removed from his boarding place to an unoccupied building and got a man to take care of him. They had the place thoroughly fumigated. Dr. Moore visited the sick man. It is not believed that it is genuine smallpox that afflicts the sick man, as it seems to be the same as the Cuban itch that masqueraded here as smallpox some time ago. The Board of Health will endeavor to prevent it from spreading.

Ex-Coun. Hanford Sloat of Richmond, Carleton county, is in the city. Woodstock Press: Miss Muriel Smith left for Fredericton last week to attend Normal School.