

WIFE OF ALIEN ENEMY BARRED FROM VOTING

Provisions of Bill on Women's Franchise Introduced in House.

The bill giving votes to women read for a first time in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon provides that "every female person shall be entitled to vote at a Dominion election, who (a) is a British subject. (b) Is of the full age of 21 years and upwards.

"(c) Has resided in the constituency in which she seeks to vote for a period of at least three months immediately preceding the date of the issue of the writ for an election in such constituency, and

"(d) Is not disqualified on account of race, blood, or original nationality, to vote at elections for members of the legislative assembly of the province in which the constituency is situated, in which such female person seeks to vote."

Nationality Qualifications.

For the purpose of the bill a female person is deemed to be a British subject if she was born a British subject and is unmarried and has not become the subject of any foreign power, or, if she has herself been personally naturalized a British subject. She is further deemed a British subject if, previously an alien, she married a British subject; or, if notwithstanding marriage to an alien, she was at the time of such marriage a British subject by birth and has not herself sworn allegiance to any foreign power. This does not however, apply to the wife of any alien enemy.