

THEO. STEFANIK LOSES VOTE UNDER NEW FRANCHISE ACT

Illustrative of the anomalous workings of the War Time Elections act, Theodore Stefanik, for two years alderman of the city of Winnipeg, and for 20 years a prominent Ruthenian citizen of this city, discovered today that he was "a disfranchised alien enemy."

Under the new federal measure all alien born citizens who were not naturalized prior to March 31, 1902, are cut off the voters' lists. Mr. Stefanik searched the documents at the law courts today. He discovered that his naturalization papers were signed April 17, 1902.

"I am just 17 days too late to be a British subject according to this act," he said today.

Asked what he thought of the act generally, Mr. Stefanik said he believed the act would have worked out all right and would have been manifestly more fair if the retroactive date had been fixed for ten or even five years ago.