

The Alien Vote

Editor Brandon Sun:

Sir,—Will you please allow me a small space in your valued paper, for which I would be much obliged.

There has been of late in the Winnipeg papers a number of letters on the question of disfranchisement of the alien enemy, or in other words "depriving the alien enemy in our land of his right to vote until after the present war is over." I think that this should be done, and moreover is a matter which Parliament should decide on at once.

There are many vexed questions brewing, and the uneasiness of affairs at Ottawa seem to portray that we are on the eve of a general election (which election is being brought about by the seriousness of questions in view). May I ask what is being done to hold the enemy vote in check? Should the questions of a coalition or national government, conscription or any other important matter, for the "winning of the war," be referred before the people for decision, should the German, Galician, and other alien enemies have a vote in deciding such important matters? The alien vote in Canada is such that they could very easily swing the balance of power to the defeat of any great question in Canada today; moreover, I think that since Canada is deprived of the vote of about 400,000 of her Canadians who have donned the King's uniform and are at the front, can we, in fact are we, going to allow and toleratetd for a moment the alien

enemy to swamp our vote by casting his negative vote, thus helping to prolong the war or defeat the allied cause.

I trust that an appeal will be made to, and the matter taken up by our representative, the Hon. Clement, M.P.P., before the provincial parliament, to enable them to press the matter to become law until after the war, even the disfranchisement of the alien enemy.

Thanking you again for the space.

Yours truly,

A CANADIAN.