

NO VOTES FOR ENEMY ALIENS

Also Conscientious Objectors Should Not Exercise the Franchise

MEETING OF PIONEERS

"If we are careful in our thinking we will see a difference between the pioneer and the immigrant," said Mr. Alex. Wright, in speaking before a meeting of the York Pioneers Association at the Normal School yesterday.

"The difference between the two is that the pioneer came to this country without any knowledge of what they were to encounter, and considered the trees their worst enemy.

"We have welcomed the immigrants into our country, and have not been careful of the class we were getting. We have men here now who will never make citizens—not in the next ten generations. Now that we have them here what are we going to do with them? No man or woman should be allowed to have the ballot unless he or she is capable of judging for himself or herself. They should at least be able to read English and understand it. Before a man is placed on the voters' list it should be investigated and a vote should not be given unless the person has been naturalized a year prior to the war, and not even then if born in enemy countries."

Debar the "C.O.'s"

"Conscientious objectors," he continued, "who say that they cannot take part in the fighting of the country they live in, and who could not help behind the lines in Red Cross and other work, should not have a voice in the Government of the country for which their conscience would not let them fight.

"Those who are shirkers from the Military Service Act, defaulters, deserters, and any man or woman who assisted in any manner to hinder the proper course of the M.S. A., should be struck from the voters' list forever."

Dr. James L. Hughes, President of the association, presided at the meeting, and introduced the speaker. Resolutions were passed which authorized the acceptance of several relics from the T. Eaton Company, and a diary of the life of Canon Osler from his son, Sir Edmund Osler.

The society will be fifty years old on April 17, and to commemorate the day a special meeting is to be held, at which a musical program will be carried out.