

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 20th Day of July, 1916.

WAR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. BROWN, in Committee, to move the following new clause :—

Naturalized
British subjects
of enemy origin
incapable of
holding certain
positions.

A. (1.) A naturalized British subject of enemy origin shall be incapable of being elected to or sitting or voting as a member of—

- (a.) The Legislative Council ;
- (b.) The House of Representatives ; or
- (c.) Any local authority ;

or of officiating as a Justice of the Peace, a Coroner, a member of a Licensing Committee, or as a juror, or of obtaining a license under the Licensing Act, 1908, or of being granted a renewal of an existing license under that Act.

Names on rolls.

(2.) A naturalized British subject of enemy origin shall not be qualified to have his name entered or retained on any electoral roll compiled under the Legislature Act, 1908, or under any Act relating to local government.

Aliens voting.

(3.) (a.) A naturalized British subject of enemy origin shall not vote at an election under the Legislature Act, 1908, or under any Act relating to local government.

(b.) If any such person votes at any such election he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *one hundred* pounds.

Powers and
duties of
presiding officers
to put questions
to voters.

(4.) (a.) At any poll taken under the Legislature Act, 1908, or any Act relating to local government, the presiding officer shall put to any person claiming to vote bearing a name suggesting that he is an alien of enemy origin all or any of the following questions :—

Are you a subject of any of the countries (naming them) with which Great Britain is at war ?

Are you a naturalized British subject ?

What was your nationality immediately before the grant of your certificate of naturalization ; or (in the case of a wife or child of a naturalized British subject of enemy origin) what was your nationality at the time of naturalization ?

(b.) The presiding officer may require the production of any certificate of naturalization as a condition to admitting the said person to vote, or may dispense with such production.

(c.) If any person refuses to answer fully any question put to him as aforesaid, or by his answer shows that he is not entitled to have his name on the roll or to vote, his claim to vote shall be rejected.

Penalties.

(5.) If any person to whom a question is put in pursuance of this Act. wilfully makes a false answer to the same or to any part thereof, he shall be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding *six* months, or to a fine not exceeding *one hundred* pounds, or to both imprisonment and fine.

Regulations.

(6.) The Governor may make regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act, and in such regulations may impose for any breach thereof a fine not exceeding *twenty* pounds.

Definition.

(7.) In this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "Naturalized British subject of enemy origin" means a naturalized male or female British subject who at the time of his or her naturalization was a subject of a country with which the British Empire is at war.