

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

BILL 3.

An Act to confer the Electoral Franchise upon Women.

HIS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Women to be entitled to vote.

Qualifications.

When a woman is a British subject for purposes of this Act.

- 1.** (1) Every female person shall be entitled to vote at a Dominion election who,— 5
- (a) is a British subject;
 - (b) is of the full age of twenty-one 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 10 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 situate in which such female 15 person seeks to vote.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act a female person shall be deemed to be a British subject,—
- (a) if she was born a British subject and is unmarried or is married to a British subject, and has not become 20 a subject of any foreign power; or,
 - (b) if she has herself been personally naturalized as a British subject and has not since become the subject of a foreign power; or,
 - (c) if, being a married woman and previously an alien, 25 she has become a British subject by marriage, or by the naturalization as a British subject of her father while she was a minor, and in either case has done nothing (other than in the second case by marriage) to forfeit or lose her status as a British subject, and 30 obtains and presents to the official in charge of the the preparation or revision of the voters' lists of the said constituency a certificate under the signature of a judge or any court of record or of any superior