

had their confidence, founded as its existence is upon a usurpation of the most sacred right of free citizens - an honest and a just franchise.

This, unhappily, is not all. The War-Time Elections Act was bad, a blot, as has been said, upon our national career; but what shall we say of the system of manipulation of votes which was carried on under The Military Voters Act, and which has been openly approved in principle and practice by another honourable member of the present administration in this very House, with the silent acquiescence of his colleagues. Was there no violation of the spirit of the constitution there? There was not only violation of the spirit of the constitution; there was utter defiance of the constitution, and of the will of the people. It has been shown in this House, and Ministers opposite will not deny it, that in constituency upon constituency, votes, by the thousands, of soldiers overseas were allocated to ridings throughout the Dominion, without the knowledge or consent on the part of the soldiers voting, and certainly without the knowledge or consent of the electors in the ridings concerned. Inconceivable as it may appear, it has nevertheless been more than established that the Military Voters Act, like the War-Time Elections Act,