

a million votes that will be cast at the next election. That body is un-
itedly opposed to giving any votes to
aliens of enemy origin. The hon. min-
ister, Mr. Guthrie, has made conces-
sions time and time again to hon. members
opposite on this question, and I have no
doubt that if hon. gentlemen on the other
side thought that by talking for another week
or two they could secure such an amend-
ment to the Act as would deprive the sol-
diers themselves of the vote, although they
are anxious that alien enemies should be
given that right, they would advance many
arguments to the minister. The hon. mem-
ber (Mr. Jacobs) is learned in the law and
he knows international law possibly as well
as any other man in this House. He must,
therefore, know that the full rights of Brit-
ish citizenship have never been granted to
an alien at any stage of the game. The
merchant shipping Act of Great Britain has
always contained a clause to the effect that
an alien, whether he is naturalized or not,
cannot own shares in a British ship and live
outside of Great Britain and Ireland. Is
that giving the alien full citizenship or
rights of citizenship.

Mr. POWER: Cut out Ireland.

Mr. CURRIE: Citizenship is not a right;
it is a privilege that is granted, and less
should be heard in this House in the nature
of what we have heard. One would think
it was a right. It is not a right. And
voting is a privilege, not a right; and the
hon. member for North Waterloo has a
great deal of hardihood to get up and de-
nounce the minister as he has done to-
night for amending the clause as he has
amended it. The Government has gone very
far—farther than their followers in the
country and fifty per cent of the people
want them to go; there is no doubt about
that.

Mr. EULER: Does the hon. gentleman
realize that under this clause the soldiers
that he speaks of may themselves be dis-
franchised with their mothers and sisters?

Mr. CURRIE: The soldiers are not dis-
franchised if they have fought in the war.
The vote is granted to everybody except
the woman who has married an English-
man and who, if she wants a vote, can go
to the judge and get it. That is no great
hardship. At one time she would have to
apply to Germany to cancel her citizen-
ship. According to the old German law,
if a man wished to become a British sub-

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ject he had to make application
11 p.m. to the German embassy, for
permission to become a British
subject. None of these people who are ob-
jecting to-day ever made application to
the German embassy to become British
subjects. Many of them will still retain
their dual citizenship. Returned soldiers
at their conventions and gatherings have
unanimously passed resolutions against
giving the franchise to alien enemies but
this House has not listened to their repre-
sentations.

The House divided on the amendment of
Mr. Euler which was negated on the fol-
lowing division:

YEAS.

Messrs.

Archambault,	King,
Baldwin,	Knox,
Bourassa,	Lanctôt,
Boyer,	Lapointe,
Brouillard,	Leduc,
Bureau,	Leger,
Casgrain,	MacNutt,
Chisholm,	McDonald,
Clark (Red Deer),	Maharg,
Copp,	Marcile (Bagot),
Crerar,	Papineau,
d'Anjou,	Parent,
Déchêne,	Pedlow,
Delisle,	Pelletier,
Demers,	Power,
Deslauriers,	Prevost,
Duff,	Proulx,
DuTremblay,	Reid (Mackenzie),
Ethier,	Rinfret,
Euler,	Savard,
Fielding,	Seguin,
Fontaine,	Sinclair (Antigonish and Guysborough),
Fournier,	Sinclair
Gervais,	(Queens, P.E.I.),
Gladu,	Stein,
Gould,	Tobin,
Halbert,	Trahan,
Hunt,	Truax,
Johnston,	Verville,
Kennedy (Glengarry and Stormont),	White (Victoria).—59.

NAYS.

Messrs.

Allan,	Calder,
Anderson,	Casselman,
Argue,	Chaplin,
Armstrong (York),	Charters,
Armstrong (Lambton),	Clark (Bruce),
Arthurs,	Clarke (Wellington),
Ballantyne,	Cooper,
Ball,	Cowan,
Best,	Crothers,
Blair,	Crowe,
Blake,	Cruise,
Bolton,	Currie,
Borden (Sir Robert),	Davis,
Bowman,	Drayton (Sir Henry),
Boyce,	Edwards,
Brien,	Finley,
Buchanan,	Fraser,
Butts,	Fripp,