

## MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

There is no statutory provision against an Indian as such being elected to, or sitting and voting as a member of, Parliament.

CANADA—  
LEGAL  
STATUS OF  
BRITISH  
NORTH  
AMERICAN  
INDIANS.

## MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE.

The only Province in which an Indian as such is disqualified from voting in a Municipal Election, when he otherwise holds the same qualifications as a white man, appears to be British Columbia, in which province he is disqualified under the Municipal Elections Act (Cap. 68, R. S. B. C., 1897).

## EXEMPTIONS FROM GAME LAWS.

In Ontario, by virtue of Section 34 of the "Ontario Game Protection Act" (R. S. O., 1897, C. 2,372), the provisions of the Act do not apply to Indians in regard to any game for their own immediate use for food only, and for the reasonable necessity of the person killing the same and his family, and not for the purposes of sale or traffic.

In Manitoba the Game Protection Act of the Province, (R. S. M., 1891, Cap. 62), is, by Section 27, declared not to apply to Indians within the limits of their reserve with regard to any animals or birds killed at any period of the year for their own use only, and not for the purposes of sale or traffic.

In the North West Territories the Game Ordinance, (C. O. N. W. T., 1898, Cap. 85), is declared by Section 22 to only apply to such Indians as it is specially made applicable to in pursuance and in virtue of the powers of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs of Canada, conferred by Section 133 of the Indian Act as enacted by 53 Victoria, Cap. 29, Section 10. The section of the Indian Act referred to provides that the Superintendent-General may, from time to time by public notice, declare that on or after the day therein named, the laws respecting game in force in Manitoba and the North West Territories, respecting such game as is specified in such notice, shall apply to Indians in the said Province or Territories, as the case may be, or the Indians in such parts thereof as to him seems expedient.

In British Columbia the Game Protection Act, 1895, is declared by Section 5 of 60 Vic., Cap. 14, of the Statutes of British Columbia, not to apply to Indians with regard to deer killed for their own, or their families' immediate use for food only, and not for the purposes of trade or traffic.