

ELECTIONS, THE FRANCHISE, &c.

CANADA.

The Legislative Council consists of 24 elected members for each section, together 48; elected for 8 years; elections in four sets, 12 every two years. The nominated members, who hold their seats under the old constitution, are not replaced on death.

The Legislative Assembly of Canada consists of 65 members for Upper, and 65 for Lower Canada. Together 130. Term for which elected, four years, unless Parliament be sooner dissolved.

The qualification for members of the Assembly is to be duly seized at law, or in equity of lands or tenements, held in free and common socage, (or in *fee* or in *roture*, as the case may be), in the Province of Canada, of the value of £500 in sterling money of Great Britain, (\$2,433), over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, or incumbrances, due upon or due, and payable out of the same. And these lands must not have been collu-

sively or colorably obtained for the purpose of becoming qualified.

That of members of the Legislative Council is the being legally or equitably seized as of freehold of lands or tenements, held in free or common socage, or held in *fiel franc alleu* or *roture*, of the value of \$8000, over and above all charges, dues and debts, and the residence on the lands, or tenements, of each member, must be within the limits of the Division he represents.

The qualification for electors for both Houses is the same, viz: every male subject, being the owner or occupier, or tenant of real property, of the assessed value of \$300, or of the yearly value of \$30, if within cities or towns, or of the assessed value of \$200, or yearly value of \$20 if not so situate.

Voting is open, on inquiry by the returning officers, after the person, desirous of voting, has established his right to vote.

The Executive Council consists of twelve members.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Legislative Council consists of 22 members nominated for life by the Crown.

The Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, consists of 40 members, elected for four years, unless Parliament be sooner dissolved.

The qualification of members of the Assembly, is possession for six months previous to the issue of the writ of freehold estate in land in the Province, unincumbered, of \$1200.

Every male subject of the age of 21 years,

not subject to any legal incapacity, who shall have been assessed for the year for which the Register is made up, in respect of real estate to the amount of \$100, or of personal property or personal and real, amounting together to \$400, or \$400 annual income, is qualified to vote.

Votes are taken by ballot.

The Executive Council consists of nine members.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia, consists of 53 members, elected for four years, unless Parliament be sooner dissolved. The Legislative Council now consists of 20 members, nominated by the Crown, for life.

The qualification for members is "a legal or equitable freehold estate in possession of the clear yearly value of eight dollars, '58," or the candidate must be "qualified to be an elector."

The electoral qualification is to be a subject

of the age of 21 years, and not disqualified by law, assessed for the year for which the registry is made up, in respect of real estate to the value of \$150, or in respect of personal estate, or of real and personal together, to the value of \$300.

Voting is open, the sheriffs being the returning officers.

The Executive Council consists of nine members.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island consists of 50 members, elected for four years, unless Parliament be sooner dissolved. The Legislative Council consists of 13 members, elected for eight years; half returning every four years, but being eligible for re-election.

The qualification for members of the Assembly, is the possession of freehold or leasehold estate worth \$100 above encumbrances. No qualification is required for members of the Legislative Council.

Electors for members of the Lower House, are all male subjects of upwards of 21 years of age, owning property valued at 40s., Island currency, (\$6.40) *per ann.*, or who are by law liable to statute labor. As by 25 Vic. cap., 2,

almost every man is liable to statute labor; the suffrage may be called universal. Electors for members of the Upper House, must own leasehold or freehold property valued at \$100, Island Currency, \$320.

The Executive Council consists of nine members. One only, the Colonial Secretary, holds departmental office. His duties are important, as he is not only the means of communication between the Governor and the Public, (His Excellency having no paid private secretary,) but between the Public and almost all the officers of the government. His salary is \$1120 per annum; he has no perquisites whatever, nor, since 1859, has he been allowed any assistant. The other members of the Executive receive no pay.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Legislative Assembly of Newfoundland consists of 30 members, elected for four years, unless Parliament be sooner dissolved. The Legislative Council consists of 12 nominated members.

The qualification for members of the Assembly, is property exceeding \$2000 in amount

or value, or a net annual income of \$400.

The qualification for electors is to have occupied a dwelling-house as owner or tenant for two years immediately preceding the day of election.

The Executive Council should consist of eight members, but there are now only seven.