

Increase
in num-
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voters.

54. According to a statement published by Mr. Joseph Pope, from which the figures in the foregoing table are partly taken, the natural increase in the number of electors between 1882 and 1887 may be set down approximately at 6 per cent., which would make the increase consequent on the passing of the Franchise Act of 1885, 16.40 per cent. The largest increases were naturally to be found in Manitoba and British Columbia, while the smallest was in Prince Edward Island, which was owing to the extremely liberal franchise previously in force in that Province. If the Territories are included, the inhabitants of which were enfranchised by special Act in 1886, the total increase in the number of voters since 1882 will be found to have been 190,327 or 23.68 per cent.

Summary
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55. The next table is a summary of the table on page 31:—

PROVINCES.	1882.			1887.		
	Number of Voters on Lists.*	Total Votes Polled.	Spoiled and Rejected Ballots.	Number of Voters on Lists.	Total Votes Polled.	Spoiled and Rejected Ballots.
Ontario	391,572	272,532	3,427	495,514	344,435	3,307
Quebec.....	159,279	106,138	4,029	234,863	160,031	2,832
Nova Scotia.....	60,885	51,007	800	79,077	64,534	932
New Brunswick.	47,139	34,798	1,055	68,244	53,089	886
Manitoba.....	†20,933	7,233	156	32,871	14,990	207
British Columbia	2,922	2,821	271	6,128	3,480	76
P. E. Island	†20,042	15,199	264	21,463	18,760	232
Canada.....	702,772	489,718	10,002	938,159	659,319	8,472

* In contested constituencies. † Partly estimated. ‡ Approximate.

Constitu-
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56. The constituencies of Ottawa, Hamilton, Halifax, Pictou, Victoria, B.C., Cape Breton, St. John, N.B. (City and County) and the three counties of Prince Edward Island each return two members and every elector has the privilege of two votes. In order, therefore, to avoid, as far as possible, the