

The figures for the Australasian Colonies are taken from the Victorian Year Book, 1885-86, p. 100.

It will be seen that in proportion to population, Canada has more than twice as many members as the United Kingdom, but is considerably behind all the Australasian Colonies Queensland and Tasmania having more than five times as many.

63. The North-West Territories were not represented in 1882 and have not therefore been included in the comparative tables, but the following are particulars of the election in 1887, being the first held in those districts:—

Election  
in the Ter-  
ritories.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.	Number of Votes on List	Total Votes Polled.	Percentage of Votes Polled to total Voters.
Alberta.....	2,960	2,055	69·66
Assinibola East.....	3,772	2,746	72·80
Assinibola West.....	1,885	1,149	60·95
Saskatchewan.....	1,708	1,270	74·35
The Territories.....	10,315	7,220	70·00

As specially provided by Statute, the voting in the Territories is open, consequently there could be no spoiled or rejected ballots. It will be seen that the proportion of votes, polled to the total number of voters on the list was very much higher than in the neighbouring Province of Manitoba, the fact of this being the first opportunity that the inhabitants had of exercising the franchise, since representation was given them, may have acted as a special inducement to many to go to the polls.

Open  
voting.

64. The franchise in the Territories is somewhat different to the rest of the Dominion, every *bonâ fide* male resident and householder, of the age of 21 years, not an alien or an Indian

Franchise  
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