

38. The Standing Committees of the Commons include (1) the Committee on Public Accounts, (2) the Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, (3) the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and (4) Committees to which are referred all private Bills respecting banking and commerce, navigation and shipping, railways and canals, telephone and telegraph lines, bridges, insurance and incorporation of companies for other purposes.

There are also two committees on which members from the two Houses sit, to consider the printing of documents and the management of the Library.

The publication of the Debates of the House of Commons is under the control of a special committee of the House. The Debates have been published daily during the session since 1875, in which year, on motion of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., the Canadian "Hansard" was first adopted.

The Committees are appointed by a committee of selection, on which the Government has a majority, and both sides of the House are fully represented.

39. At the general elections for the House of Commons held in March, 1891, the total number of electors on the voters' lists (excluding the North-west Territories, where there are no lists) was 1,132,201, an increase of 13·9 per cent over the number in 1887.

In the general elections of 1887 the total number on the lists amounted to 993,914, an increase of 23·62 per cent over the number in 1882.

In 1887, the proportion of persons voting to the total number on the lists was 72·9 per cent, and in 1891 the proportion was 64·5 per cent.

The new voters' lists (1895) show that the number of electors is 1,353,73, an increase of 19·56 per cent over the number in 1891.

NUMBER of Voters on the Electoral Lists by Provinces. (1)

—	Ontario.	Quebec.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	P. E. Island.	Manitoba.	N. W. T.	B. Columbia.
1882.....	406,096	229,067	65,885	54,003	*20,042	23,533	4,961
1887.....	495,514	272,564	79,077	68,294	21,462	39,051	10,315	7,637
1891.....	568,799	301,658	90,045	70,521	24,065	46,669	16,044	14,400
1895.....	650,021	351,076	111,124	91,697	25,245	65,684	20,878	38,010

* No voters' lists in 1882; figures approximate.

40. The number of inhabitants to each member, according to the census of 1891, in the following countries was :—

United Kingdom.....	56,431
Canada.....	22,477
Victoria.....	12,000
New South Wales.....	8,279
Queensland.....	5,471
South Australia.....	5,955
Tasmania.....	4,074
New Zealand.....	8,838
Western Australia.....	1,661
United States.....	170,016

(1.) For number of voters on the lists of 1894, by electoral districts, see paragraph 253, which also contains statement of population of the several electoral districts, as redistributed by the Acts of 1892 and 1893.