

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA AT THE PROHIBITION PLEBISCITE HELD ON THE 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1898.

PROVINCES.	Question.—Are you in favour of the passing of an Act prohibiting the importation, manufacture or sale of spirits, wine, ale, beer, cider and all other alcoholic liquors for use as beverage?						
	Total Number of Affirmative Answers.	Total Number of Negative Answers.	MAJORITY OF		Total Number of Votes polled.	Total Number of Voters on Lists.	Percentage of Votes polled to Number of Voters on Lists.
			Affirmative Answers.	Negative Answers.			
Ontario	154,498	115,284	55,081	15,867	269,782	576,781	46·77
Quebec	28,436	122,760	3,918	98,242	151,196	335,678	45·04
Nova Scotia	34,678	5,370	29,308	.....	40,048	101,502	39·46
New Brunswick	26,919	9,575	18,179	835	36,494	90,003	40·55
Manitoba	12,419	2,978	9,441	.....	15,397	49,262	31·26
British Columbia	5,731	4,756	1,357	382	10,487	35,537	29·51
Prince Edward Island	9,461	1,146	8,315	.....	10,607	23,388	45·35
Territories (three Provincial Districts).....	6,238	2,824	3,414	.....	9,062	24,275	37·33
Totals, Canada.....	278,380	264,693	129,013	115,326	543,073	1,236,429	43·92
Majority in favour of Prohibition			13,687				

EXPENDITURE OF TAKING VOTE UNDER THE PLEBISCITE ACT BY PROVINCES (to June 30, 1899).

Ontario	\$74,231
Quebec	54,781
Nova Scotia	11,457
New Brunswick	9,479
Manitoba	9,747
British Columbia	8,465
Prince Edward Island	2,907
The Territories	18,423
	189,490
Printing and distributing forms, ballots, &c	3,957
Provincial Voters' Lists	4,486
Total	197,933
Amount paid in 1899-1900	957

REFERENDUM ACT, 1902:

The Legislature of Manitoba having passed an Act respecting the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors in the province, and the judicial committee of the Privy Council of England having decided that the Act was *intra vires* of the provincial authority, the Legislature by an Act styled "The Referendum Act, 1902," appointed the 2nd of April, 1902 as the day on which the electors should answer the question: "Are you in favour of bringing the Liquor Act into force on the 1st day of June, 1902."

The Referendum Act provided that the Liquor Act should be brought into force, (1) if 45 per cent. of the total number of persons entitled to vote gave affirmative answers to the question submitted, or (2) if at least 60 per cent. of the persons so entitled, actually voted, and 60 per cent. of these voted "yes," or (3) if 62½ per cent. of the actual voters answered "yes."

The official returns are not completed so that the actual results cannot be given. The returns are: voted "yes," 15,539; "no," 22,031.