

was extended equally to women in 1917, and in New Brunswick this was done in 1919 (9 Geo. V, c. 63). In Quebec and Prince Edward Island the provincial franchises throughout the period in question were not so wide; in neither were women admitted to vote and certain property or other special qualifications were required in each. A property qualification was also required in Nova Scotia until 1920 (10-11 Geo. V, c. 49), but between 1918 and 1920 men and women had voted on equal terms (9 Geo. V, c. 3). The adoption of the provincial franchise laws for Dominion purposes was temporarily modified by the War Times Elections Act (1917, c. 39), which admitted certain near female relatives of serving soldiers and sailors to vote at Dominion elections, and three years later, on the adoption of a New Dominion Elections Act (1920, c. 46), the provincial franchises were again wholly abandoned and a new electoral qualification was established for Dominion elections throughout Canada. Subject to a modification of the usual rules as to changes of nationality, which was amended in 1921 (1921, c. 29, s. 3) and repealed in 1922 (1922, c. 20, s. 1), the right to vote was conferred by the new Act upon all British subjects, male and female, of 21 years and upwards, who had resided in Canada for a year, and for two months in the electoral district in which they desired to vote, this last restriction having been removed two years later (1922, c. 20), so far it as applied to general elections. The only adult British subjects who now are denied the right to vote are prisoners undergoing punishment, lunatics in institutions, Indians within the meaning of the Indian Act and not having served in the Great War, judges appointed by the Dominion Government, persons paid for work on behalf of a candidate in relation to the election, persons expressly disfranchised for corrupt or illegal practices and certain persons who by reason of their race are not permitted, under the law of the province in which they live, to vote at a provincial election in that province. The effect of this last exception is to exclude from the franchise only such Chinese, Japanese and East Indians as reside in British Columbia and did not serve in the Canadian forces during the Great War, and such Chinese as reside in the province of Saskatchewan and did not so serve. (See also R.S.C. 1927, c. 53, The Dominion Elections Act, as amended by c. 40 of 1929 and c. 16 of 1930.)

**The Use of the Franchise.**—The number of voters on the lists and the number of votes polled at the general elections of 1921, 1925, 1926 and 1930, are given in Table 10.

**10.—Number of Voters and Votes Polled in the General Elections of 1921, 1925, 1926 and 1930.**

Province.	Number of Voters on the List.				Number of Votes Polled.			
	1921.	1925.	1926.	1930.	1921.	1925.	1926.	1930.
P. E. Island.....	46,879	45,454	48,208	46,985	52,556 <sup>1</sup>	49,558 <sup>1</sup>	55,569 <sup>1</sup>	59,510 <sup>1</sup>
Nova Scotia.....	294,473	277,073	273,712	275,762	260,860 <sup>2</sup>	222,883 <sup>2</sup>	229,846 <sup>2</sup>	268,727 <sup>2</sup>
New Brunswick.....	204,575	211,190	210,028	207,096	156,263 <sup>3</sup>	152,652 <sup>3</sup>	162,777 <sup>3</sup>	186,277 <sup>3</sup>
Quebec.....	1,056,792	1,124,998	1,133,893	1,351,585	779,951	806,492	809,295	1,029,490
Ontario.....	1,738,020	1,821,906	1,847,512	1,894,624	1,139,635 <sup>4</sup>	1,223,027 <sup>4</sup>	1,226,267 <sup>4</sup>	1,381,960 <sup>4</sup>
Manitoba.....	255,143	250,505	257,244 <sup>5</sup>	328,089	173,941	171,124	198,028 <sup>5</sup>	235,192
Saskatchewan.....	333,613	346,791	353,471	410,400	225,236	197,246	248,460	331,652
Alberta.....	273,706	283,529	279,463	304,475	173,824	161,423	157,993	201,635
British Columbia.....	230,451	244,352	262,262	333,326	156,012	183,748	185,345	243,631
Yukon.....	1,658	1,621	1,848	1,719	1,388	1,259	1,482	1,408
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>4,435,310</b>	<b>4,607,419</b>	<b>4,665,381<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>5,153,971<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>3,119,306</b>	<b>3,168,412</b>	<b>3,273,062<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>3,922,481<sup>8</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> Each voter in the double member constituency of Queens County, P.E.I., had two votes; in 1930, 20,382 voters on the list cast 35,776 votes. <sup>2</sup> Each voter in the double member constituency of Halifax, N.S., had two votes; in 1930, 53,154 voters on the list cast 81,682 votes. <sup>3</sup> Each voter in the double member constituency of Saint John-Albert, N.B., had two votes; in 1930, 37,067 voters on the list cast 50,121 votes. <sup>4</sup> Each voter in the double member constituency of Ottawa, Ont., had two votes; in 1930, 61,535 voters on the list cast 97,369 votes. <sup>5</sup> Not including one electoral district in which the return was by acclamation. <sup>6</sup> Not including two electoral districts in which the returns were by acclamation.