

Returns by acclamation. 56. It will be seen that 8 members were returned by acclamation in 1887, and 6 in 1891, consequently there were contests in 2 more seats at the last election.

Number of voters. 57. The following table shows the total number of voters in 1887 and 1891, and the numerical as well as the proportional increase in each province and in the Dominion :—

PROVINCES.	Number of Voters on List.		Numerical Increase.	Percentage of Increase.
	1887.	1891.		
Ontario.....	495,514	569,781	74,267	14·99
Quebec.....	272,564	302,847	30,283	11·11
Nova Scotia.....	79,077	90,045	10,968	13·87
New Brunswick.....	68,294	77,702	9,408	13·78
Manitoba.....	39,051	46,669	7,618	19·51
British Columbia.....	7,637	14,406	6,769	88·63
Prince Edward Island.....	21,462	24,065	2,603	12·13
The Territories.....	10,315	16,044	5,729	55·54
Canada.....	993,914	1,141,559	147,645	14·85

The largest percentages of increase are naturally to be found in British Columbia and the Territories, Manitoba taking the third place and Ontario the fourth.

Summary of votes polled, &c. 58. The following is a summary of the table on pages 28 to 31.

PROVINCES.	1887.			1891.		
	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	495,514	344,435	3,307	564,877	358,211	3,691
Quebec	234,863	160,031	2,832	284,689	188,514	3,772
Nova Scotia.....	79,077	64,534	932	90,045	68,139	986
New Brunswick....	68,244	53,089	886	77,702	54,099	1,237
Manitoba	32,871	14,990	207	41,843	17,652	1,014
British Columbia...	6,128	3,480	76	8,841	4,153	53
P. E. Island.....	21,462	18,760	232	24,065	18,905	380
The Territories.....	10,315	7,220		16,044	10,331
Canada	948,474	666,539	8,472	1,108,106	720,094	11,133

* In contested constituencies.