

year. This allowance, except that for Ministers of the Crown and for Leaders of the Opposition in the House and in the Senate, is not subject to income tax. The remuneration of the Prime Minister is \$25,000 a year and of a Cabinet Minister and the Leader of the Opposition \$15,000 a year in addition to the sessional allowance and expense allowance each receives as a Member of Parliament. A Cabinet Minister is also entitled to a motor car allowance of \$2,000. The Speakers of the Senate and of the House of Commons each receive, besides their sessional allowance and expense allowance, a salary of \$9,000 and a motor car allowance of \$1,000 and each is entitled to \$3,000 in lieu of a residence. The Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons receives a salary of \$6,000 and an allowance of \$1,500 in lieu of a residence. The Deputy Chairman of Committees receives an annual allowance of \$2,000. Parliamentary Assistants to the Ministers of the Crown receive \$8,000 sessional allowance as Members of Parliament, \$4,000 a year as Parliamentary Assistants and the \$2,000 expense allowance paid to all Members of Parliament.

**The Federal Franchise.**—The present federal franchise laws are contained in the Canada Elections Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 23). The franchise is conferred upon all Canadian citizens or British subjects, men and women who have attained the age of 21 years and who have been ordinarily resident in Canada for 12 months prior to polling day at a federal election and ordinarily resident in the electoral district on the date of the issue of the writ ordering such election. Persons denied the right to vote are:—

- (1) Judges appointed by the Governor General in Council;
- (2) The returning officer for each electoral district;
- (3) Persons undergoing punishment as inmates of any penal institution for the commission of any offence;
- (4) Indians ordinarily resident on an Indian reserve who were not members of His Majesty's Forces in World Wars I or II or who did not execute a waiver of exemption under the Indian Act from taxation on and in respect of personal property;
- (5) Persons restrained of their liberty or deprived of the management of their property by reason of mental disease;
- (6) Persons disqualified under any law relating to the disqualification of electors for corrupt and illegal practices.

The Canadian Forces Voting Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Canada Elections Act prescribe voting procedure for members of the Armed Forces of Canada and also for veterans in receipt of treatment or domiciliary care in certain institutions.

## 12.—Voters on the Lists and Votes Polled at the Federal General Elections of 1940, 1945, 1949 and 1953

Note.—Corresponding statistics for the general elections of 1911, 1917, 1921 and 1925 are given in the 1926 Year Book, p. 82; those for 1926 in the 1945 edition, p. 66; those for 1930 and 1935 in the 1948-49 edition, p. 94.

Province or Territory	Voters on the Lists				Votes Polled			
	1940	1945	1949	1953	1940	1945	1949	1953
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	...	...	182,439	194,715	...	...	105,190	111,768
Prince Edward Island.....	55,339	54,794	55,772	55,469	62,943 <sup>1</sup>	63,807 <sup>1</sup>	68,393 <sup>1</sup>	66,562 <sup>1</sup>
Nova Scotia.....	335,990	362,754	373,585	380,836	283,428 <sup>2</sup>	312,954 <sup>2</sup>	338,928 <sup>2</sup>	334,855 <sup>2</sup>
New Brunswick.....	251,986	262,261	286,723	287,657	174,734	204,273	225,877	225,390
Quebec.....	1,799,942	1,956,225	2,177,152	2,352,619	1,189,489	1,433,591	1,610,510	1,565,400
Ontario.....	2,340,344	2,437,937	2,718,118	2,894,150	1,625,439	1,831,806	2,042,294	1,938,959
Manitoba.....	425,065	433,921	451,882	465,374	320,860	327,794	324,079	276,422
Saskatchewan.....	481,931	445,601	472,884	480,532	372,276	379,539	375,471	358,479
Alberta.....	423,609	430,430	492,228	548,747	272,418	315,863	341,222	343,258
British Columbia.....	472,584	545,077	673,782	730,882	368,103	433,402	464,785	475,456
Yukon Territory <sup>3</sup> .....	2,097	3,445	9,064	5,028	1,741	2,164	6,823	3,818
Northwest Territories <sup>4</sup> .....	...	...	...	5,682	...	...	...	3,590
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>6,588,888</b>	<b>6,952,445</b>	<b>7,893,629</b>	<b>8,401,691</b>	<b>4,672,531</b>	<b>5,305,193</b>	<b>5,903,572</b>	<b>5,701,963</b>

<sup>1</sup> Each voter in the double-member constituency of Queens County, P.E.I. had two votes; in 1953, 25,285 voters on the list cast 40,508 votes. <sup>2</sup> Each voter in the double-member constituency of Halifax, N.S. had two votes; in 1953, 98,208 voters on the list cast 124,773 votes. <sup>3</sup> Electoral District of Yukon. <sup>4</sup> Electoral District of Mackenzie River.