

WHO MAY VOTE.

The right to vote at elections for the House of Commons of Canada is governed by the Dominion Franchise Act of 1898 and the Dominion Elections Act of 1900.

Section 5 of the Dominion Franchise Act 1898 contains the following provisions :

(a.) The qualifications necessary to entitle any person to vote at an election for the House of Commons in any Province shall be those established by the laws of that Province as necessary to entitle such person to vote in the same part of the Province at a provincial election ;

(b.) The polling divisions shall be those established by or under the laws of that province for the purpose of provincial elections within the territory comprised in the electoral district for which such election is held ;

(c.) The voters' lists shall be those prepared for the several polling divisions so established and which on the sixtieth day next preceding the day fixed for the nomination of candidates for such Dominion election were in force or were last in force under the laws of that province for the purposes of provincial elections.

Section 5 sub-paragraph (f) enacts that the provisions of the law of the province as to the place where non-resident electors shall vote shall supply the Dominion elections. Sections 64 and 65 of the Nova Scotia Elections Act provide that no elector shall be permitted to vote in more than one polling district or division in this province on the same day and that no elector having a right to vote in the County in which at the date of the election writ he resided shall be permitted to vote in any other County.

Apparently the effect of these provisions is that an elector can vote at Dominion elections in only one County on the same day in the Province of Nova Scotia.

At elections for the House of Assembly for this Province, certain persons holding Dominion offices are disqualified by section 67 of the Provincial Act above referred to. These disqualifications do not apply to elections for the House of Commons, as section 6 of the Dominion Franchise Act of 1898 contains the following provisions :

"No person possessed of the qualifications generally required by the provincial law to entitle him to vote at a provincial election, shall be disqualified from voting at a Dominion