

up to something over 90 per cent. Now, if I am not mistaken, I think in the last election in Canada, without compulsory voting—I am not saying anything pro or con at the moment—our average vote across this country was well over 70 per cent.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we should have those figures now because Mr. Butcher while referring to that matter this morning did not give us the effect of compulsory voting, except in very general terms.

WITNESS: I am not quite sure of the figures.

Mr. GLEN: You say the figure in Australia is over 90 per cent?

WITNESS: The vote in Australia was 57 per cent or 59 per cent before the compulsory feature was introduced.

By Mr. Heaps:

Q. You are referring to figures given by Senator McRae in the Senate, are you not?—A. Yes. In regard to the election of 1935 in Canada, I have figures given to me by the franchise commissioner, and he informs me that the following figures are the percentage of the votes polled at the last general election by provinces:—

Province—	Percentages
Ontario..	73·44%
Quebec..	75·87%
New Brunswick..	77·55%
Nova Scotia..	75·56%
Prince Edward Island..	80·31%
Manitoba..	75·37%
Saskatchewan..	76·87%
Alberta..	65·38%
British Columbia..	76·51%
Yukon..	70·08%
Total for Canada..	74·17%

By Mr. Taylor:

Q. Was that for provincial or federal elections?—A. Federal. The last one.

By Mr. Heaps:

Q. Were they all honest votes there?—A. We hope so.

By Mr. MacNicol:

Q. And individual ridings ran as high as 90 per cent, did they not?—A. I did not make an extract of that.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you continue with that and show what change took place in Australia for instance?

WITNESS: Well, the change was roughly from 57 per cent or 59 per cent to rather over 90 per cent. I have not the actual figures, except that they were given in the Senate by Senator McRae. There was a rather interesting debate in the Senate in 1933 which was engaged in, among others, by Senator Foster, now speaker of the Senate, Senator McRae, Senator Dandurand and Senator Meighen.

Mr. GLEN: If you gave us the reference to that it would be sufficient.

WITNESS: March, 1933.

[Mr. H. Butcher.]